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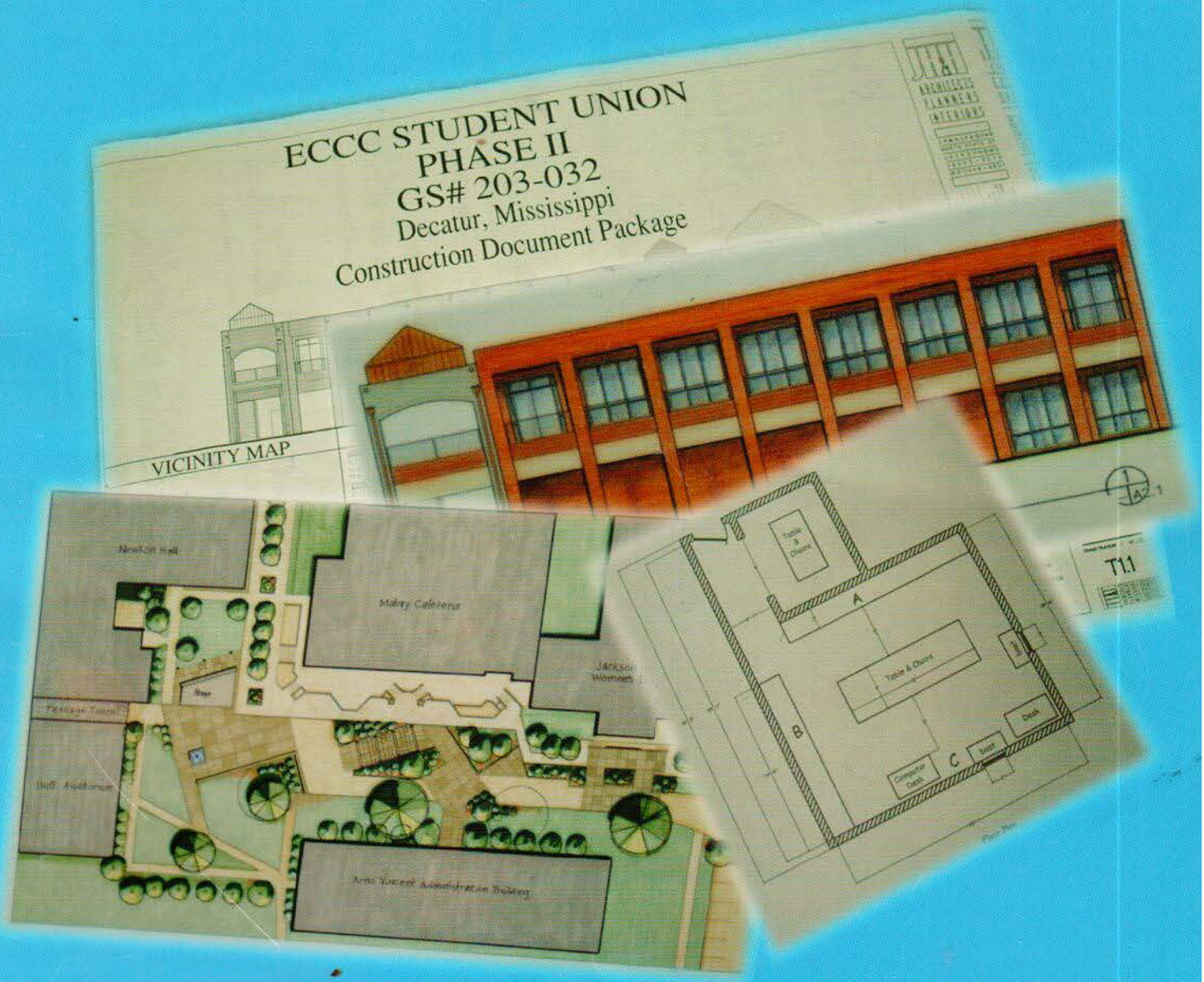

Construction Projects Underway To Meet Increasing Needs of a Growing EC!

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Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

On the Cover

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President's Message

As East Central enters its 76th year of operation as a public two-year college, we continue to provide a quality education to the students who come to us to achieve the goals they have set for themselves. Over the years our mission has grown from the initial university transfer mission to include vocational/ technical programs, adult basic education and general education diploma preparation, and workforce training. A large portion of the mission of the College now includes non-credit opportunities for citizens.

Our enrollment in credit programs, academic, technical, and vocational, now exceeds 2,735 students. This increase in enrollment sets a new all-time high for the twentieth year in a row. In addition, our non-credit activity continues to grow and set new records of service.

To meet the demands placed on us by this growth, we currently have four major facilities projects underway at the College: the second and final phase of the Eddie M. Smith Student Services Building, the initial phase of the East Mall project, the renovation of two classrooms in the Frank Rives Education Building, and the Memorabilia Room in the Mamie Ethel Burton Library. Further, during the summer, we completed a significant upgrade in Frank Cross Hall, improving the lighting, the heating and air conditioning system, and the overall look of the building.

First, the final phase of the construction of the Eddie M. Smith Student Services Building will add approximately 20,750 square feet of space for a student grill area, a lounge, a conference room, a computer lab, a bookstore, a games room, and the Admissions, Records, and Research Office. The second phase will be connected to the first at the atrium on the south side of phase 1.

Second is the first phase of the East Mall project. Our intent is to replace the asphalt and curbing with landscaped sidewalks, patios, and a stage. This theme will be carried out in a second phase on the other end of the East Mall. When completed, the mall area will be an inviting location for many campus events as well as a "living room" for the campus. The focal point will be a fountain and permanent marker memorializing the Day Arboretum project on the campus.

Third, over the last several years the College has renovated several sections of the old Decatur High School property, now the Frank Rives Education Building, to make it usable as a classroom facility for the College's ever growing enrollment. The building now houses the Mathematics and Computer Science Division of the College, the Practical Nursing Program, the Emergency Medical Technician Program, and overflow classroom space for other programs. By adding two large classrooms we will expand our capability to schedule classes during the most popular times of the day.

Fourth, the College is accepting contributions from the Alumni Association to create the Memorabilia Room in the Library. Miss Lucile Wood, Miss Gloria Johnson, Mr. Ovid Vickers, and several others are spearheading this effort. The plans have come together and funds are coming in to create a very nice room to house alumni data and college memorabilia.

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin

This room will also be used as a conference room for on-campus and off-campus groups.

Although much is happening with the growth of the College, there are still several major physical needs at the College. Because of our reliance on State bond issues for money to construct major facilities such as the Eddie M. Smith Student Services Building, we are always behind in meeting our facility needs. The College desperately needs a new science building with expanded capacity for lectures and labs. As enrollment grows, the need for class sections grows but the available facilities for those classes are not keeping up at the same pace.

Another significant need is a band hall for the Wall O' Sound marching band. The existing facility is just not adequate to meet the needs of the current band program at the College. A new band hall would meet those needs and also expand the space needed for the vocal program at the College by allowing the current band hall to become the choir room.

The College's long range plan outlines many significant needs for East Central and the ones mentioned in this space only touch the surface. As the College continues to grow, new programs and facilities will be required and we look forward to the challenging opportunities that continued growth affords.

We invite you to come to campus at any time and we look forward to seeing you when you visit.

ECCC Alumna to Display Artwork During Homecoming Week Activities

Artwork by East Central Community College alumna Leisa Jones Allen of Florence will be on display as part of Homecoming week activities scheduled on the Decatur campus.

Leisa Jones Allen

Allen, a product of South Leake High School and a 1977 ECCC graduate, will exhibit a collection of paintings during a reception scheduled from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, October 7 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center lobby.

She is dedicating the exhibit in honor of her alma mater.

"To show my appreciation for my time at East Central, I have taken my inspiration for this show from times in the past, featuring old homes showing the wear of many years," Allen commented.

Allen said she "learned a tremendous amount about drawing, painting, perspective and composition" while a student of ECCC art instructor Bruce Guraedy, who continues to teach at the College and serves as Chairman of the Fine Arts Division.

She added, "I want to thank Bruce for asking me to present my artwork during Homecoming week and for being a constant and faithful friend."

Guraedy describes Allen as a "very talented artist."

"Leisa has a great instinct for good design components. To a degree this is something one either has instantly or has to work long hours to achieve. She many times achieved it instantly and this usually means a person has a lot of talent. As a student she excelled in her art classes using her uncommon gift to pull her through some of my tougher assignments. Thirty years later it feels good to see her all grown up and still producing quality work that is a real feast for anyone's eyes. She was one of my first art majors and I will never forget her. She also has a great singing voice and sang at my wedding 27 years ago," Guraedy stated.

Following graduation from EC, Allen attended the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic communication and a minor in drawing. Since leaving USM, Allen said she "found work in other fields but always kept looking for ways to incorporate art in whatever I was doing, even if it meant just doing work on a private basis."

Allen is a former member of the Neshoba County Art Association and the Futura Club in Philadelphia. The Futura Club sponsored her first art show, which was held in May 1998 at the Neshoba County Library. The exhibit featured portraits of mostly children along with a few pen and ink drawings of old homes and barns.

Allen said she continues her education in art by exploring other mediums.

"I reviewed the basics with Ms. Diane Norman in Pearl, and experimented with water color under the direction of Mrs. Laura Schoolar at Millsaps College. And over the last few years, I have seen 'my style' appear as Bruce (Guraedy) used to say it would one day."

Allen, who is married to Gary Allen, is currently attending Holmes Community College in Ridgeland where she is enrolled in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program. She said she plans to use art "to help patients to regain the abilities to do activities of daily living."

There is no charge to attend Allen's art exhibit and refreshments will be served.

HOMECOMING October 9, 2004

EC Soars in 2004!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9 a.m. Registration Begins
(East Mall Area Near Mabry Cafeteria)
Refreshments Available
in Sullivan Student Center

10 a.m. Reunion Groups Meet
Collegians-Room 60, Newton Hall
Class of 1934-Room 538, Vickers Fine Arts Center
Class of 1937-Huff Auditorium, Lower Level
Class of 1944-Room 534, Vickers Fine Arts Center
Class of 1954-Auditorium, Vickers Fine Arts Center
Classes of 1957-58-59-Room 105, Newton Hall
Class of 1964-Room 506, Vickers Fine Arts Center
Class of 1974-Room 507, Vickers Fine Arts Center
Class of 1984-Room 90, Newton Hall
Class of 1994-Room 92, Newton Hall
Class of 2004-Room 70, Newton Hall

10:30 a.m. Warrior Club
Annual Meeting
(Huff Auditorium)

11:30 a.m. Alumni Luncheon
(Mabry Cafeteria)

2:30 p.m. Football Game
ECCC vs. Co-Lin
Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court
Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band

Thursday, October 7

Art Exhibit Featuring
Works by Leisa Jones Allen of Florence
Class of 1977 • Native of Walnut Grove
6:30 to 9 p.m. • Vickers Fine Arts Center
Free Admission and Refreshments

"Alumnus of the Year"
Dr. John G. Hollingsworth
Class of 1957

When Dr. John G. Hollingsworth walked into the classroom, "the entire environment changed," wrote one former student, who further commented: "Never have I seen one teacher so concerned with the success of his students in learning the material and grasping the concepts of mathematics. The only thing I felt was lacking in the class was my ability to live up to the standards and expectations he established."

Comments like those above were frequently made by students of the now retired department head and professor of mathematics at the University of Georgia, selected as East Central Community College's Alumnus of the Year for 2004.

Dr. Hollingsworth, a Conehatta native who resides in Commerce, Ga., will be honored with other Alumni Association award recipients during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 9.

Regarding his selection for the prestigious award, Dr. Hollingsworth replied: "Receiving this award is indeed a great honor. I am keenly aware of the outstanding people that came through East Central, and to be singled out in this way is humbling."

Dr. Hollingsworth retired in 2000 from the University of Georgia, where he was a member of the math faculty since 1967 and served as department head from 1992-95. He joined the UGA faculty as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 1972, and received full professor status in 1981.

He is also a former math instructor at Rice University, serving in 1966-67. He began his career as a mathematician for Texaco, Inc., in Bellaire, Texas, in 1961.

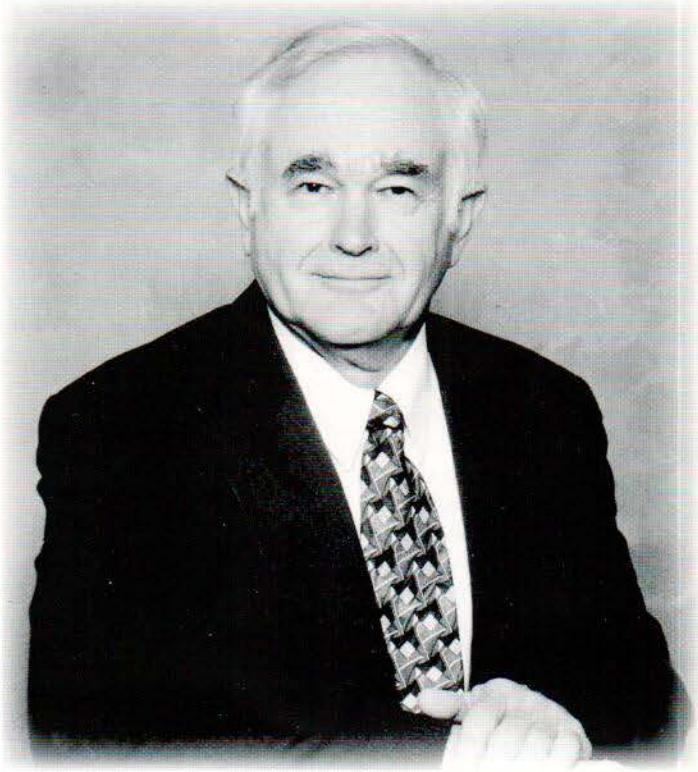
In addition to his teaching responsibilities at UGA, Dr. Hollingsworth was involved in numerous research projects and was responsible for various administrative duties.

He received numerous honors during his teaching career, including Outstanding Honors Professor on three occasions, and the Josiah Meigs Award, the university's highest teaching award. He also received a Special Sandy Beavers teaching award and was later presented a Sandy Beaver Professorship. He was also granted substantial funding research by the National Science Foundation and published numerous papers. In addition, he was selected in 1969-70 as a visiting member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey.

But for Dr. Hollingsworth, the highlight of his career was "interacting with truly outstanding students and watching them excel in their chosen careers."

He further commented about his career: "I was paid a living wage for doing almost exactly what I would have done for free if I had been able to afford to work without a salary."

While awards and praise from colleagues were constant throughout his career, comments from his students best described his expertise as a teacher:



Dr. John G. Hollingsworth

"Dr. Hollingsworth is one of the best teachers I ever had," said one student. "He was always available to help after class. He really taught us how to think. I have learned valuable problem-solving skills in this class that I feel I will use the rest of my life. I love his teaching style and will always remember him as a great role model when I teach."

"Dr. Hollingsworth is truly an exceptional teacher. Math is a hard subject that most people aren't interested in. He made the class enjoyable because he is so kind and truly wants his class to understand the material."

"Dr. Hollingsworth is one of the greatest, if not the greatest instructors I have ever encountered. His teaching stimulated an interest in education and I wish I could take him for the remainder of my math courses. I have acquired a much more logical thinking method I use every day now. I hope my future instructors are half as good as he."

"Dr. Hollingsworth is a very good professor. At first I did not like his teaching style but once I realized that I learned the material I got used to him. I really like him. This is one of the first courses I've had at UGA where I learned something besides what I learned in high school,

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and I learned a lot! This was a worthwhile class!"

"Dr. Hollingsworth is a truly caring person, besides the fact that he is an excellent teacher. He is truly interested in the students' welfare when they are truly interested in learning."

"He is the most excellent professor I have ever encountered. I hope the University has more professors that can come close to his ability. He has stimulated a great interest in math inside me. Dr. Hollingsworth may have even given me a bit of direction in my pursuit of a career."

"Dr. Hollingsworth is by far the best math teacher I've ever had. His most notable skill, I think, is that of stimulating and involving students in the class. Also, his emphasis on learning for its own sake rather than for grades is quite admirable in my opinion."

When he retired from teaching, the University of Georgia established the J. G. Hollingsworth Undergraduate Mathematics Scholarship Fund, in recognition of his "unusual contributions to undergraduate teaching."

The award further recognized Dr. Hollingsworth "for being a heroic force as an undergraduate teacher. He has been a role model to many of us of what it means to be a dedicated, engaged teacher at all levels. He has taken on students having trouble with college algebra, has unflaggingly taught the introductory calculus course, which he views as the most important course we teach, and has inspired students in various upper level division classes and, the last 18 years, the wonderful Calculus with Theory course."

Dr. Hollingsworth was also the recipient of numerous honors while attending East Central Junior College from 1955-57.

He was named to the Hall of Fame, served as sophomore class president and received the Beginning Physics award.

When asked to comment about his remembrances of EC, Dr. Hollingsworth replied: "Wow! EC was blessed with wonderful people; wonderful classmates; and a wonderful, helpful and caring but tough faculty!"

He further stated: "East Central served me extremely well. It was almost as if someone saw me coming and tailored the school specifically to meet my needs. I am grateful for the education received at ECJC."

After receiving his associate's degree at East Central, Hollingsworth continued his education at Mississippi State University where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics. He later earned a doctoral degree in mathematics from Rice University.

Since his retirement, Dr. Hollingsworth and his wife of 44 years, the former Elsie Johnson (also an ECCC alumnus) of Decatur spend a lot of their time with the South Georgia Sacred Heart Singing Convention, of which Dr. Hollingsworth has twice served as president and once as co-treasurer.

They also enjoy spending more time with their two sons and daughter. Randy Hollingsworth, 43, is a restaurant consultant in Atlanta, Georgia. Angela Hollingsworth Benton, 41, resides in Commerce, Ga., and is employed at technology solutions manager at BellSouth. Bill Hollingsworth, 29, is a graduate student in computer science at Cambridge University in England.

Alumni of the Year Award Recipients

1964-B.O. Smith, Louisville
1965-Lucille Wood, Decatur
1966-Henry D. Horton, Louisville
1967-Crowley Alford, Carthage
1968-W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
1969-Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia
1970-Leon Sims, Philadelphia
1971-Charles Carter-Jackson
1972-Dr. William L. Weems, Jackson
1973-Arno Vincent, Meridian
1974-Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia
1975-W.C. Spence, Walnut Grove
1976-John Risher, Philadelphia
1977-Jessie M. Everett, Decatur
1978-Class of 1928, First Class
1979-Glen D. Walker, Union
1980-Russell Walton, Union
1981-Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville
1982-Denver Brackeen, Union
1983-Frank Hunter, Brookhaven
1984-Herman Alford, Philadelphia
1985-Carl B. Cooper, Decatur
Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C.
1986-Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia
Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville
1987-Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur
Dr. Addie R. Lee, Birmingham, Ala.
1988-Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville
Dr. Verbie Prevost, Hixon, Tenn.
1989-Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur
Dr. Walterine Herrington Bell, Jackson
1990-Larry Hogue, Flowood
Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest
1991-Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond
Lois Blount Cooper, Decatur
1992-Earl Marshall, Clinton
June Bailey, Biloxi
1993-Melvin Tingle, Decatur
Patsy Dunigan Clark, Louisville
1994-Paul V. Breazeale, Jackson
Jane Todd Gurry, Raleigh, N.C.
1995-Dr John Gipson, Newton
Wanda Comans Sharp, Sebastopol
1996-Ray Britt, Walnut Grove
Brenda Whatley Kirby, Forest
1997-Dick Livingston, Pulaski
Carol Farish Vickers, Decatur
1998-T.H. "Tam" Etheridge, Jackson
Nell Allen Rogers, Philadelphia
1999-Dr. Shelby L. Harris, Decatur
Illene Richie Gordon, Union
2000-S. LeBrun Hutchison, Littleton, Col.
Jeanette Beavers Thrash, Decatur
2001-Dr. Joe Todd, Cincinnati, Ohio
Betty Lewis Gomillion, Walnut Grove
2002-A. Harvey Trapp, Newton
Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenvillle
2003-Dr. Milton Matthews, Pearl
Frances Harris Smith, Decatur
2004-Dr. John G. Hollingsworth, Commerce, Ga.
Ann Hunter Burkes, Decatur

"Alumna of the Year"
Ann Hunter Burkes
Class of 1963

What do ECCC alumni Ann Hunter Burkes (Class of 1963) of Decatur, her father, the late Homer Hunter, and her uncle, the late Frank Hunter, all have in common, aside from being family? When Burkes was named East Central Community College's Alumna of the Year for 2004, she became the third member of her family to be recognized as the College's outstanding alumnus.

"My father was 'Alumnus of the Year' in 1960," Burkes said. "As far as I know, we are the only father and daughter to receive the award."

Frank Hunter was named Alumnus of the Year in 1983. Homer Hunter also received a Lifetime Achievement Award in 1994.

Burkes grew up next door to the campus, received her associate's degree from East Central in 1963 and later returned to serve 32 years as the College's librarian.

"As long as I've had conscious memory, I have had memories of East Central," Burkes said. "As a child, our family activities centered around the College. We would attend ball games and May Day celebrations. I can even remember roller-skating on the sidewalks of the campus!

"I thought everybody spent their Saturday nights watching Denver Brackeen and others play basketball," she said. "That is what our family did."

As a student at Decatur High School, Burkes would often cross the East Central campus on her way to school and she remembers well the day turnip greens popped up on the front lawn!

"Without the administration's knowledge, someone had spread turnip seeds along the front campus," said Burkes. "So when they came up everyone was very surprised. Mrs. (Ruth) Hull, the home economics teacher, decided to can them for later use."

After graduating from Decatur High School, Burkes enrolled at ECJC She has many memories of her college days.

"I remember the commuter room," Burkes said. "It was a little, tiny room in Newton Hall. There were a few chairs and lockers and a bathroom. It was a place for commuter students to visit between classes."

Burkes also has memories of attending chapel.

She said, "Each person was assigned a seat for the entire semester when they registered for classes. So you wanted to be in the registration line with someone you didn't mind sitting by each day in chapel!

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"Chapel was mandatory and if you missed three times you were sent before the discipline committee."

Ann Hunter Burkes

She also has fond memories of her instructors.

She said, "I was the 'Sis-A-Boom' in Dr. (Richard) Ethridge's class. The 'Sis-A-Boom' would have to tell him where he left off the day before and also was the object of any examples he might give during class."

Burkes said she thought the name "Sis-A-Boom" was selected in an earlier class when the person in that position was also a cheerleader!

"During Miss Una Harris' class, I learned to write fast and to outline properly, which helped me to excel in my classes after I went to senior college," Burkes said.

She said she also remembers being asked by Miss Harris to travel to Jackson to hear Eudora Welty speak.

"She took a small group of us to Jackson to eat at Primos' and to hear Miss Welty speak at Belhaven. We dressed in our Sunday clothes and she drove us to Jackson in her car," Burkes said.

Burkes was also a member of the Warrior Band, Wesley Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa international honor society. Ironically, when she was inducted into the honor society, former ECCC president Dr. Eddie M. Smith served as chapter president. Burkes said she had no idea

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that she would later work for Dr. Smith or serve as an advisor for Phi Theta Kappa.

After graduating from East Central, Burkes attended Delta State University for one semester and then transferred to the University of Southern Mississippi where she received her bachelor's degree in English.

Upon receiving her degree, Burkes taught one year at Hickory High School and served three years as librarian in Meridian elementary schools. It was at that time, she learned of the opening at East Central.

"I was eating at a Meridian restaurant one day when I saw Denver Brackeen who was acting Academic Dean at the time," said Burkes. " He mentioned that the College was looking for a librarian and asked if I wanted a job. I really thought he was kidding at the time. I had only been out of college four years and hadn't even started on my master's degree.

"My Uncle Frank called me later to ask if I was going to take the job. After I found out Dean Brackeen wasn't joking, I accepted the job. I later completed my master's and educational specialist degrees."

During her 32 years as the college's librarian, Burkes has seen many changes.

When she became librarian in 1969, the library was located in what is currently the W. Arno Vincent Administration Building.

"Books were housed mostly in the area that is now the business office," she said. "We primarily had books and magazines and just a few pieces of audio visual materials. As funds were available and equipment more accessible, we began to get more things."

Burkes was also involved in the design of Burton Library in the early seventies and was very much a part of the computer revolution of the nineties that has changed the way many services are offered through the library.

In addition to her duties as librarian, Bukes also served as an advisor to Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college.

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"Living on campus was like having a big family. And during those years many employees lived on campus or close by," she said.

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She became a co-advisor of Theta Xi Chapter in the fall of 1981 when then-college president Dr. Charles Wright asked her to serve with faculty members Sara Heard and Rudolph Mayes. When Heard retired, Burkes served with Mayes until he retired. Dr. Shelby Harris succeeded Mayes. Burkes and Harris served as co-advisors for 20 years.

"I miss Shelby every day. He just had such an impact on my life," Burkes said.

Some Theta Xi inductions were held at Lake Tiak O' Khata in Louisville.

Burkes said, "Girls wore party dresses and we had a banquet and it was a very big deal. However, there were no competitions and we didn't go to convention. And we didn't have all of the organized meetings that are held today.

"In the early to mid-80s, Phi Theta Kappa began to be more structured. When Rod Risely took over as executive director the organization became much more involved."

During Burkes tenure, Theta Xi Chapter had two Academic All-Americans, three Guistwhite Scholars, and several students who made Mississippi All-Academic Teams.

Burkes was also very much involved in the planning of Homecoming while she was employed at East Central and continues to be involved as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

From 1969 to 1994, Burkes and her husband, Roger, lived in faculty housing on the College campus.

"Living on campus was like having a big family. And during those years many employees lived on campus or close by," she said.

Since her retirement in 2001, Burkes has been involved in various community activities.

"Every Friday I work at the Newton County Historical and Genealogical Society," Burkes said. "We have a new location in the old Newton County Jail Building. We are very proud of this facility. Bess Hollingsworth, who is also a retired librarian and EC graduate, and I have been organizing and color coding the different collections.

"I am also beginning a three-year term as Regent for the local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Chapter and I am chairman of the state scrapbook committee."

In addition, Burkes is involved in the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and serves part-time as the Newton County Schools Public Relations Officer.

Burkes is a member of the Newton County Retired Education Personnel, the Mississippi Retired Education Personnel and the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association. She has served as a scholastic judge for local Junior Miss programs and a volunteer judge for Phi Theta Kappa International.

Among her honors are the 2002 MS/LA Region Most Distinguished Alumnus for Phi Theta Kappa, the 2002 Dr. Shelby Harris Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Award and the 2002 Phi Theta Kappa Mosal Award for Leaderdship. In 2000, the Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Endowed Scholarship was established in her honor.

One of those nominating Burkes for this prestigious honor wrote, "With her primary responsibilities in the Burton Library, Ann worked above and beyond her assigned duties to help East Central become one of the most recognized community colleges in the Southeast."

Another wrote, "I never knew of her not attempting to help a student, or any other library patron, who was in need of her services. I can even recall when I was a high school student her attempts to help me procure data for an obscure research topic I had selected. It was this dedication to the library and its patrons that first encouraged me to consider attending East Central Community College."

And another wrote, "Mrs. Ann Burkes is a giver and not a taker. She gives all of herself to others without any thoughts to what she can receive in return. However, she is exactly the type person who should be rewarded for her efforts."

Burkes and her husband, Roger, live in Decatur.

"Athletic Hall of Fame"

Marcus Mann

Class of 1994

He helped lead East Central Community College to its first state championship in men's basketball in 40 years, and earned All-American honors in the process. He was also a member of championship squads in high school and on the university level, and was a top draft choice in the National Basketball Association.

Marcus Mann is regarded as one the best basketball players to ever wear a Warrior uniform, and on the tenth anniversary of his graduation at East Central, he is being inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mann, who left the sports limelight just a short time after joining the NBA's Golden State Warriors to devote his life to ministering to young people, made the following comment regarding his selection to the Athletic Hall of Fame:

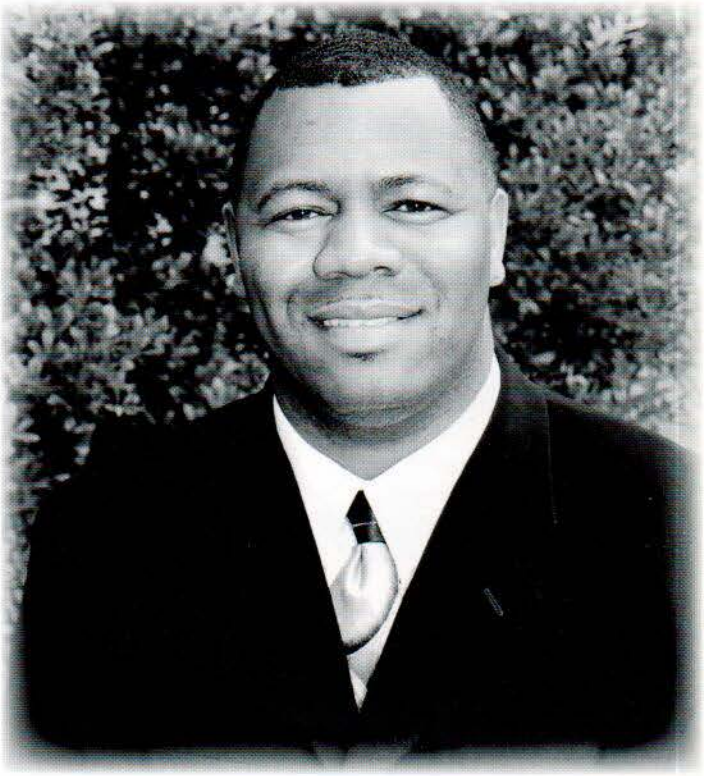
"First of all, I was shocked that I was nominated and then selected for the Athletic Hall of Fame, but it's a blessing I take graciously. I'm thankful of the staff at East Central Community College for thinking that much of me. East Central has played a vital role in my life, and is a school I will always love no matter where I am."

Mann, who towered above high school players with his 6-6, 225-pound frame, led South Leake to the State Class 2A title and a 34-3 record. He was named an honorable mention All-American and received All-State honors for three consecutive years. He could play small forward, power forward or center, and was one of the state's most highly recruited players. He decided to join Coach Richard Williams' team at Mississippi State University, but after a week on the Starkville campus, he changed his mind, a decision ECCC men's basketball coach Marty Cooper would soon appreciate.

"Signing with Mississippi State was a choice I made to satisfy people because they thought that was where I should go. Coach Cooper called me the day I signed with State and told me if things did not work out, that he would have a spot available for me. Well, I called Coach Cooper, who was very sick at the time, and told him I was leaving Mississippi State and wanted to come to East Central. He was elated and told me he would probably heal a lot faster after hearing my news. Attending East Central was the best choice I could have made," Mann remarked.

Coach Cooper, who led the Warriors from 1991-98 and has since served in the same capacity at Itawamba Community College in Fulton, had a big smile on his face when he recalled Mann's telephone call, which indeed came when he was not feeling very well:

"Three days after school started, I was home in bed with a kidney stone, which is another story! Anyhow, the phone rang and Jennifer (Marty's wife) answered it and I could hear her telling the person on the other end that I was sick and unable to talk with anyone. She commented that the person she was talking to sounded like a basketball player, so I told her to let me talk to him. It was a player alright, it was Marcus Mann! He told me he was not happy at State and wanted to know if I still had a spot available for him. I quickly replied that I did have a scholarship for him and that we were very happy he was joining our team. Two hours later I passed the kidney stone and the rest is history! Probably the best call I ever made was to congratulate Marcus when he signed with State and told him we would always be here for him if he wanted to come to EC."



Marcus Mann

Cooper recalled he had watched Mann play numerous games at South Leake and knew he would be a much-needed addition for the Warriors, even though they experienced success the previous year, Cooper's first season as head coach:

"We had a great team my first year (1991-92), winning the South Division Tournament and finishing with a 28-5 record. But we were going to have to replace a lot of talent. When Marcus went to State, I was worried about our team. Obviously my worries were over when Marcus made that phone call."

Cooper said he regards Mann as not only as a superb

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Marcus Man led the Warrior basketball team to its first state championship in 40 years and a 47-13 record. He was a First Team All American selection and was twice named on the All Region 23 and All State teams. He was selected an Honorable Mention All American his freshman season.

athlete, but an outstanding person as well:

"It is a RARE person that comes along and raises the standard of excellence; captures the hearts of many; and who inspires a group of individuals to achieve the impossible. That is what Marcus Mann did at East Central as a person, student and player."

In reminiscing about his two years at East Central, Mann said it took a while for him to make the adjustment to playing college ball following his success on the high school level:

"When I made the transition to college basketball, I had to realize that there were people bigger and taller than me, and I had to work on fundamentals. Coach Cooper and Mrs. Cooper worked very hard with me to develop that part of my game. I also gained weight while I was at East Central. Not to knock any of my high school coaches, but I was taught the proper way of doing things when I was at EC, and that's what made me a better player when I left. I talked with Coach Cooper recently and told him that he does not realize the impact he made on my life because he made basketball a lot easier and more fun."

Mann and his teammates especially had fun his freshman season, when the Warriors won the team's first state championship in four decades! The winning shot came on Anthony Coleman's baseline jumper with one second remaining in overtime, which gave EC a thrilling 87-85 decision over home-standing Gulf Coast. A bucket by Stacy Miller, Coleman's high school teammate from Toxey, Ala., sent the contest to overtime.

Mann, who had 29 points and 12 rebounds to lead EC in the championship contest, said teamwork and coaching were the keys to success for the Warriors, who finished the season with a 24-8 record:

"We did not have the best talent on our team, but we had chemistry and guys that believed in working together. No one was envious of other players. We just wanted to play basketball and were determined to get the job done. Obviously the coaching we received was a big factor putting us together as a team."

Following his freshman season, Mann was selected honorable mention All-American and first-team All-Region and All-State.

Mann and his Warrior teammates continued their success in 1993-94, winning the South Division title and finishing with a 23-5 mark. The Warriors posted a 19-game win streak during the 1993-94 season and were ranked as high as 18th in the NJCAA polls. Mann received first team All-American honors and once again was chosen first-team All-Region and All-State. He was also selected team captain for the second-straight year and received most valuable player honors for the second time.

In addition to receiving athletic honors, Mann was chosen Mr. ECCC and was named to the Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College. He was also a member of the Warrior Corps, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was included in *Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges.*

Mann continued his success on the hardwood at Mississippi Valley State University, where he led the Delta Devils to the Southwest Athletic Conference title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament against Georgetown University his senior season. He was also selected SWAC "Player of the Year" and led the nation in NCAA Division I rebounding.

Mann said playing in the NCAA Tournament was an unforgettable experience, even thought Valley lost the game:

"Playing against Allen Iverson (now with the NBA's Philadelphia 76'ers) was an experience that I'll never forget. It also showed me that even though I came from a small school, I still had the ability to compete with players from a top-notch conference. I think I scored about 25 points and had 10 rebounds against

Georgetown. It was really an honor to be included in the field of 64 because so many teams did not make it to the tournament."

Next up for Mann came the 1996 NBA draft. He was the Golden State Warriors' 40th pick in the second round. He reported to training camp and found himself "in awe," as he was on the basketball court with athletes he admired and watched on television.

"There I was, on the same team with Latrell Spreewell, Mark Price, B.J. Armstrong, Joe Smith and Chris Mullins. I was just amazed that I was standing next to these guys. I also had the opportunity to meet several other NBA stars, like Dr. J, Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Isaiah Thomas, and many others. I was like a kid at Christmas; I finally reached my goal of being a player in the NBA. All my hard work for so many years had finally paid off," he said.

But on the same day his teammates were preparing for their first game of the 1996 season, Mann was on his way home to Walnut Grove. He explains the sudden loss of interest in the sport he loved so much:

"During this period a transition in my life took place. My desire to play basketball was gradually leaving. A lot of people could not understand, and still to this day do not understand the decision I made. But I had to follow my heart, and that is what my grandmother and mother always taught me, to follow my heart. I know a lot of people were living their dreams through me; however, I had gotten to the point in my life where it was time for me to do what I really wanted to do," Mann stated.

And what Mann wanted to do was to share the ministry with young people:

"Through a lot of prayer and meditation, I saw God's guidance with my decision. This is something he led me to do. He told me that ministering to others is the road he had planned for me, so I decided to leave the NBA," Mann recalled.

Although Mann knew he had made the right decision regarding his mission in life, he was still not ready to give up playing basketball.

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"I decided on my own to play basketball again, this time with the Lacrosse (Wisconsin) Bobcats of the Continental Basketball Association. But three games into the season, I shattered my knee cap, and at that moment I knew what my calling in life was, and it was no longer basketball. I'm certainly thankful and gracious for the gift God gave me to play basketball, but it was time for me to move on to another phase in my life. God still allows me to use basketball as an avenue to reach young people, because they can relate to the sport. So I use basketball as a way of getting their attention. My whole ministry, my whole take on life is trying to help all the young people that I possibly can," Mann stated.

So in 1997, Mann became an ordained minister with the assistance of his pastor, Willie E. Jones.

The "church" Mann currently serves is the Walnut Grove Youth Correctional Facility, which houses males between the ages of 13-21 who have committed adult crimes but, because of their age, cannot be housed with adults.

Mann explained his role at the facility, which currently houses about 780 inmates:

"I am there to be a positive influence in their lives. I have had many positive influences in my life, including my uncles Jimmy Mann, Willie Lee Mann, and the Rev. Billy Mann, all of whom are deceased, and my grandfather, Colon Mann of Carthage. They were all very influential in my becoming a man and being a responsible person. Jimmy Mann also taught me how to play basketball. So I want to be a positive influence to these young people. This, I believe, is where God wants me to be, because I am in a position where I can try to steer them in the right direction. I let them know how much I love them and how much God loves them. It's amazing to me how God works with these young men. A lot of them grew up without a positive male figure, and I try to fill that role for them," Mann stated.

Mann's work as chaplain at the facility has drawn praise from his co-workers.

Said Beverly Patrick, human resource manager: "One of the first things I learned about Marcus, was his ability to talk to everyone regardless of age, race or gender. He has a calming personality and a wonderful little smile on his face. You can imagine the reaction he receives from the residents and staff members upon learning how he chose ministering to young people instead of playing professional basketball. I thank God for the opportunity to know and work with him. "

Patrick said Mann not only provides various religious needs, grief counseling and mentoring for inmates, there are also about 220 employees ranging from correctional officers to teachers who seek his guidance.

Mann said he is continuing his studies in the ministry by enrolling in classes at Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson. He plans to continue working at the Walnut Grove facility and attend night classes at the Seminary.

Although he maintains a busy schedule with work and school, he still finds as much time as possible to spend with his wife, the former Veleka Slocum of Morton and their three-year-old daughter, Genesis.

For Marcus Mann, life is good, because he is happy with the career choice he made, and the family he has been blessed to have.

"I'm not a millionaire; I don't have the luxury homes or cars, but I'm happy and content. And that is the best thing that a person can ever have in life – to be happy with who he is and to enjoy the things God has blessed him with. It is amazing how God can take a person all over the country and even the world then bring him back to the area where it all started. I am just thankful to be back here, and to be an instrument for young people. Life is not all about fame and fortune; being happy is the most important thing," he concluded.

"Athletic Hall of Fame"

Ken Pouncey

Head Football Coach 1967-1981

For 15 years Ken Pouncey walked the sidelines as head coach of East Central Community College's football team. He led several Warrior teams to successful campaigns, including three division championships.

Pouncey, whose years of service (1967-81) exceeds all others who have led ECCC football squads, will be inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 9.

His selection for the prestigious honor caught him by surprise:

"I had no idea that I was even nominated for the Athletic Hall of Fame. Being selected is quite an honor and I'm very appreciative to have been chosen. I had a lot of good folks helping me all the years that I spent at East Central, including my family, especially my wife (Alice) whom I owe a lot to; my assistant coaches; and certainly the players, who meant a lot to me and still do," Pouncey stated.

Among those nominating Coach Pouncey for the Athletic Hall of Fame were former Warriors Ricky Harrison of Decatur and Mark Killens of Newton, who were members of the 1976 and 1977 squads.

Harrison wrote: "I know first-hand how committed he was to East Central. Coach Pouncey had just one assistant during those 15 years, and much of the coaching duties and administrative responsibilities were all on him. I often wondered how he could possibly accomplish all that he did."

Harrison further stated that Pouncey treated the players with respect.

"He was always fair in his dealings with the players, who mostly came from district high schools. He was the kind of coach a player would want to play for," Harrison said.

Harrison said the Warriors, "were always competitive and played with a lot of passion, and that was due primarily to Coach Pouncey."

Added Killens, a former standout quarterback who was tapped for the College's Athletic Hall of Fame last year: "Besides being a football coach, Coach Pouncey was also a mentor to his players. And he made sure we did what we were supposed to when it came to academics. He was also an encourager; he encouraged us to be better athletes and students. As I reflect on my life, I can look back and see what an influence Coach Pouncey has had on my life. He is very deserving to be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame."

Reflecting on his career, Pouncey said coaching was not his first choice. He once had plans of being a geologist.

"I started college at Jones (Jones County Junior College) thinking I would like to major in geology. But on a field trip to Mississippi State University, the geology professor told us that chances of getting a job after graduation with a geology degree were not too good because the market was full (of geologists). So I decided to major in physical education and, as they say, the rest is history," Pouncey commented.

Ken Pouncey

Pouncey began his career at his alma mater, Enterprise High School, where he served from 1961 to 1963 as assistant head football coach and biology instructor. He served the following two years as head football coach and biology instructor at Beatrice (Ala.) High School, and then served two years in the same capacity at South Choctaw High School in Silas, Ala.

He recalled how a telephone conversation with then ECCC president Dr. Charles Wright helped lure him to the Decatur campus:

"I had heard that East Central had an opening for an assistant football coach. I did not know who was serving as president, athletic director or head football coach. I was just trying to get back closer to home. When I called the College, I talked with Dr. Wright, then with Coach (Clayton) Blount, who was the athletic director and the one who finalized the deal. Dan Chatwood was the head coach and I was hired to be his assistant. I was also named head baseball coach and physical education instructor."

Pouncey served one year as Coach Chatwood's

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assistant. The Warriors finished 4-5-1 in 1966, and following the season Chatwood was hired to lead the football program at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond.

Pouncey was named as Chatwood's successor, and the late Billy Wayne Baucum served as Pouncey's assistant. The Warriors experienced a successful season during the 1967 campaign, winning the North Division title with a 7-3 record, which included impressive victories over Hinds (41-25), Co-Lin (27-6), Itawamba (42-14) and Northwest (41-15).

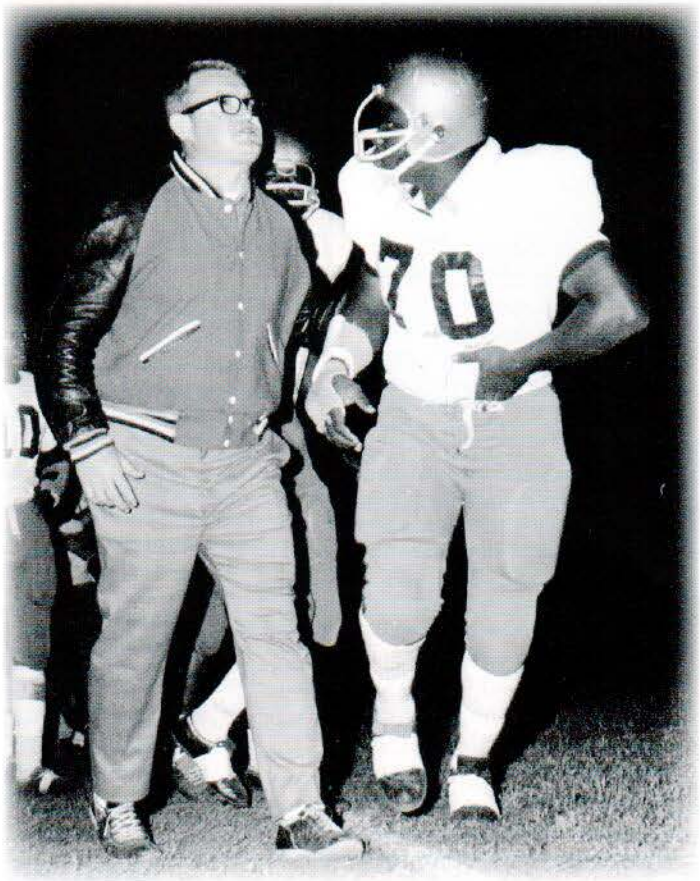
The Warriors struggled the following two seasons, but experienced back-to-back 7-3 seasons during the 1970 and 1971 campaigns.

The 1970 team also shared the North Division title with East Mississippi, and qualified for the state playoffs on a flip of the coin. The state championship game was played in Decatur with Pearl River winning the contest 27-8. East Central posted key wins during the 1970 campaign over Jones (34-30), Itawamba (10-9), Northwest (14-13), Holmes (28-14), Delta (13-7) and Southwest (27-13), and completely manhandled Northeast (52-15).

Although the loss to Pearl River for the state title was a memorable contest, it was a close contest with Gulf Coast in 1971 that Pouncey said stands out most in his coaching career:

"Gulf Coast was ranked number one in the nation, and we were ranked 11th. The game was played in Pascagoula, and we had the game won until they completed a long pass for a touchdown with 15 seconds remaining. Our defensive back was in perfect position, but the Gulf Coast quarterback threw a perfect pass and the receiver made a great catch. We lost the game 28-27."

Another contest that stands out to the former ECCC head mentor was a contest held later the same season with Itawamba, a game played in hurricane-like conditions:



Coach Ken Pouncey spent 15 years on the sidelines leading the Warrior football team to several successful campaigns and three Division Championships. He also served one year as an assistant coach prior to taking over the Warrior program.

"The weather was awful but we managed to lead by three touchdowns at halftime. We scored another touchdown at the beginning of the third quarter, and their coach decided they had had enough and left the field. We won the game 30-0, and it was the first and only time that I was involved in a game where the opposition left the field before the game was over!"

Another "memorable" contest also involved an Itawamba team, this time in 1975.

"The game was played in Decatur," Pouncey explained, "and both teams had winning records. With the score tied at 26-26 and time running out, Itawamba tried a 45-yard field goal. It looked like it was going to be good, especially since a strong wind was behind the kick. But the ball hit the cross bar and bounced straight back, and the kick was not successful. We felt fortunate to tie the game."

East Central completed the season with a 7-2-2 mark, and captured Pouncey's third division championship.

His Warriors again enjoyed success in the mid to late 70's, reeling off winning campaigns in 1975 (7-2-2); 1976 (6-4-1); and 1978 (6-3-1). It was during this period when East Central left the North Division and began competing in the South Division of the MACJC.

East Central dipped below .500 during Pouncey's remaining three seasons, with his final squad posting a 4-7 mark in 1981. The same year marked the end of Pouncey's coaching career.

In addition to the three division championships previously mentioned, Pouncey led the Warriors to three division runner-up titles (1971, 1978, 1981) during his 15 years as head coach. Pouncey was honored for his success on the gridiron by being selected to coach MACJC All-Star squads in 1971, 1975 and 1978.

In addition to his duties as head coach, Pouncey taught several academic classes along with physical education courses. But he admitted his "love" was coaching football:

"I thoroughly enjoyed coaching, and especially the association with my players. What I missed more than anything when I got out of coaching was the camaraderie I had with the players. Sometimes I would be like a father to them; other times I would have to be a mean you-know-what. My role would obviously change depending on the situation. A lot of the boys I coached became some of the closest friends I've ever had or will have. I also enjoyed the association with my assistants (Baucum; Willie "Teeny" Coats; David Bradberry; Chris Harris; and

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Freeman Horton), and the other coaches in the junior college association."

He added, "To me, junior college ball was very exciting; and we were fortunate to have many great players on our teams throughout the years. A lot of them were overlooked in high school by the universities and four-year colleges and were trying to make their mark on the junior college level so the bigger colleges would give them another look. And many players did continue their careers at other colleges when they left East Central."

He said he does have one regret during his tenure at East Central, and it involves the College's non-participation in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

"When I coached at East Central, we were not allowed to join the NJCAA, which meant that none of our athletes could qualify as All-Americans. I can think of numerous players that could have made All-American had we paid our dues to the Association. It's a shame that so many deserving athletes were denied the national recognition that they deserved," Pouncey stated.

When he left the coaching profession in 1982, Pouncey went into private business and operated Pouncey Hardware in Decatur from 1982-88. He was Newton County Superintendent of Education from 1888-92, followed by two years' service as assistant principal at Bay Springs High School. He served as Superintendent of Education for the Enterprise School District from 1994 to 2001, and has since retired, devoting much of his time to family and community projects.

He and his wife Alice, who retired in May 2001 after serving 32 years on the faculty at ECCC, have three grown children: Alicia, Amy and Nick. Alicia lives in New Orleans where she established a company called Aureus Research, which monitors drug studies for pharmaceutical companies. Amy is an instructor in the Child Development Technology Program at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson. She is married to Russ Lewis and they have two sons, Landon and Larson. They live in Brookhaven. Nick is a pharmaceutical sales representative for AstraZeneca. He and his wife, Denise, have a son, Carson, and are expecting another child next March. They reside in Brandon.

When he is not "spoiling" his grandchildren, Pouncey tends to his duties as president of the Newton County Retired Teachers Association and as a trustee at Decatur United Methodist Church. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Mid-Mississippi Development District and is a member of the Decatur American Legion Post #89. Pouncey previously served on the ECCC Board of Trustees and is a former member of numerous professional organizations.

Pouncey is also a military veteran, having served with the Mississippi Army National Guard from 1956-62.

A graduate of Enterprise High School, Pouncey holds a Master of Education degree in School Administration from Livingston University; a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from the University of Southern Mississippi; and an Associate of Arts in Secondary Education from Jones County Junior College.

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

1985-Denver Brackeen, Union
1986-Lucille Wood, Louisville
1987-Billy Wayne Baucum, Decatur
1988-Howard Jean Sessums, Harperville
1989-Lamar Blount, Decatur
Arno Vincent, Meridian
Earl Marshall, Clinton
1990-Jeff Loper, Decatur
Richard Harris, Hickory
Sherrell Ray Marshall, Jackson
1991-Larry Henderson, Daphne Ala.
Diana Lyons Jones, Bay Springs
Wayne Tullos, Belle Glade, Fla.
1992-Evelyn Bender, Newton
Joe Clark, Decatur
Bert Thompson, Clinton
1993-Esther Thomas Coleman, Louisville
Barbara Jo Davidson Russell, Decatur
Louis Watwood, Arlington, Va.
1994-Charlene Bates Jones, Forest
Charlie Hope, Sharpsburg, Ga.
Malcolm "Puddin'" Jones, Decatur
1995-Clayton Blount, Decatur
Nan Houston Keenan, Rose Hill
James T. "Jim" Wood, Louisville
1996-M.E. "Boe" Davis, Cary, N.C.
John W. Golden, Stone Mountain, Ga.
Julie Latham, Morton
1997-Tommye Williamson Alfonso, Gulfport
Lester Baucum, Wiggins
James L. "Creeper" Nelson, Newton
1998-Van Chancellor, Houston, Texas
Deborah Norwood Duncan, Philadelphia
Howard Sessums, Clinton
1999-Daisy Kate Williams Chaney, Union
Sam Rutigliano, Forest, Va.
Charles E. Ward, Pace, Fla.
2000-Billy Ray Dill, Escatawpa
Sue Gunter, Baton Rouge, La.
Jimmy Rea, Madison
2001-Willie "Tenny" Coats, Decatur
Sammy Pace, Decatur
Charlie Payne, Florence
2002-Freddie J. Bagley, Forest
James E. "Jim" Nabers, Louisville
Robert Thomas, Philadelphia
2003-Roy Baker, Clinton
Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville
Rex Keeton, Taylorsville
Mark Killens, Newton
2004-Marcus Mann, Forest
Ken Pouncey, Decatur

Lifetime Achievement Awards

1991-Dr. Austin P. Boggan, Decatur
1994-Homer Hunter, Decatur
Ovid Vickers, Decatur
1996-W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
J.W. Thrash, Decatur
2001-James E. Land, Union

"Academic Instructor of the Year"

Sharon LeJeune

Science Instructor

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"The water was ultra-clean when they got through purifying it. While I was there, they had the national taste test of the water. There were camera crews from all over the nation. It was an incredible experience, especially as my family was able to accompany me and join in many of the presentations and activities."

LeJeune started her teaching career as a science teacher at Kate Griffin Junior High School and Carver Middle School in Meridian. She also worked four years as a developmental chemist at Vanity Fair in Monroeville, Alabama.

"Vanity Fair was a really cool place to work," she said. "The designers in New York would go to Paris, France and bring back little pieces of fabrics that they were fascinated with and we would try to design those fabrics and colors for Vanity Fair."

LeJeune, whose mother is English and whose father is American, was born in England.

"I have dual citizenship," she said. "My father was in the Air Force so we moved several times. We came to America when I was one, moved back to England for a year when I was six and I spent three years in England between the ages of 13 and 16."

LeJeune attended Upper Heyford High School at Upper Heyford Air Force Base, England before moving to Meridian and graduating from Jeff Davis Academy. She received her associate's degree from East Mississippi Junior College in 1977. She is a 1979 graduate of Livingston University (now the University of West Alabama). She received her master's degree from UWA in 1980 and the educational specialist degree from UWA in 1989.

She serves as co-sponsor of the College's Environmental Club and LeJeune was selected East Central Community College's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year in 2004.

LeJeune is a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Meridian and Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Fraternity. She has one daughter, Leslie, 21, an advertising major at the University of Southern Mississippi.

One of those nominating LeJeune wrote, "Ms. LeJeune is the epitome of what an instructor should be. She has endless energy, which she transfers to each and every class she teaches. A true team player, Ms. LeJeune is always willing to go the extra mile with students, fellow colleagues and the administration. I have heard numerous students say she 'makes you love science!'"

Another wrote, "Ms. LeJeune is an instructor who is very knowledgeable of her subject, but more important, she cares for her students, and sensing this, they respond to her instruction in a very positive way.

"She is very dedicated to her career and to East Central Community College. She is always willing to work with her students, the administration, and her fellow instructors. Her hard work and caring attitude allow the science department at East Central Community College to give the students a better science background."

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LeJeune explains lab procedures to students in Biology class.

Record of Instructors of the Year

1982-Ovid Vickers
1983-Dr. Shelby Harris
1984-Jessie M. Everett
1985-Bruce Guraedy, Al Bailey
1986-Ann Burkes, O.L. Newell
1987-Tommy Thrash, Chester Clark
1988-Dr. Richard Ethridge, John Adcock
1989-Joe Clark, Larry Blackburn
1990-Lois McMullan, Wallace Keen
1991-Tom Carson, Ricky Harrison
1992-Ron Davis, Lester Miles
1993-Lucille Wood, Sam Griffin
1994-Alice Pouncey, Elizabeth Breland
1995-Al Deaton, Sarah A. Griffin
1996-Charles Hinson, Jimmy Dempsey
1997-Dr. Richard Fisher, Brenda Johnson
1998-Leesa Wilkinson, Conrad Germany
1999-L.B. Bullock, R.W. Clark
2000-Dr. Linda Lane, Sandra Thomas
2001-Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington, Polly Mayes
2002-Linda Baucum Pierce, Gerald Jordan
2003-Dana Dear, Katherine Buckman Elliot
2004-Sharon LeJeune, Wanda Brackeen

"Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year"
Wanda Brackeen
Cosmetology Instructor

For East Central Community College cosmetology instructor Wanda Brackeen, the 2004 Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year, cosmetology wasn't supposed to be a life-long career.

"I was working in a finance company and raising a family," Brackeen said. "I really never intended to become a cosmetologist. But my husband's uncle (Denver Brackeen) was working at East Central at the time and he suggested that I go back to school."

Brackeen wanted to become a social worker. But she decided that she would attend cosmetology school at East Central and then earn her social work degree while she was working as a cosmetologist.

"After I finished cosmetology school (ECCC Class of 1978), I opened my own shop," she said. "I started with just the bare minimum thinking that I would go back to school. But I made really good money and I really liked the job. And I have always felt that being a cosmetologist was a little bit like social work!"

Brackeen said she considered becoming an instructor while receiving her initial training.

"After Leslie, my youngest daughter, started Kindergarten, I returned to get my instructor's license, which I received in 1984," she said.

Brackeen taught four years at Hatfield's in Laurel and one year at Final Touch in Meridian before returning to her alma mater six years ago.

"I have always wanted to work at East Central," she said.

Brackeen said continuing her work as a cosmetologist, in addition to being an instructor, is just one of the ways she reaches her students.

"I plan to continue working as a cosmetologist as long as I teach, because I want to be able to tell students the way things really are," Brackeen said. "Not only will I be able to give them State Board expectations, I can give them real world expectations."

Brackeen said one of the first things she tells her students is "there is a lot of money to be made, but being a cosmetologist is hard work!"

"I tell them if they will take the training and three years of experience and consider that their education, they will make more money than those with four year degrees," Brackeen said.

According to Brackeen, cosmetology is also a job about helping people.

"If you like to help people, you can fill many roles in this profession," she said. "Not only can you make people look better, you can make them feel better about themselves."

Brackeen said she is also known for "telling it like it is" when it comes to her students work.

"I want them to know their strong and weak points," she said. "I don't lie to them about their work or their ability. And I want them to know that personality counts very much in this profession. Statistics show that only 10 percent of people go to a hairdresser for his or her ability. The other 90 percent go because of their people skills. No matter how good you are, you won't make it in this profession without a good personality.

Wanda Brackeen

"I stress to them that they have to put personal feelings or discomfort aside because the most important person in the world at that time is the lady or gentleman sitting in your chair. If they can do that they'll make a lot of money!"

Teaching cosmetology is "fun every day" for Brackeen.

"As long as I'm teaching, I forget that I'm 54 years old!" she said. "You're around younger people all the time and not just the young, but the young at heart. Most hairdressers just like to have a good time. Most people that go into this field enjoy life and enjoy having a good time.

"I like the activity of this job and being busy. I like the fact that it's not a sit-down job, but constantly demanding. I like being 'the boss.' I'm hyper and I like the fact that I don't get bored. I have 20 people to supervise at one time, so I'm constantly moving and doing something different and I like that.

"I love the fact that students come back after they've been working a few weeks and they say 'Mrs. Brackeen, you were right and

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I appreciate you making me stay busy and keep things neat and clean.' Because I try to tell them that the habits they form at school will go with them into the workplace.

"I've never had a successful student come back and say 'Mrs. Brackeen, you were too hard.' And I am hard sometimes. I expect them to be busy."

Brackeen said she especially likes working at East Central.

She said, "It's family-oriented. We aren't just working for an institution, we are working for the good of the institution. In good times or tragedy, people recognize what is happening here."

Like most jobs, there are challenges to teaching cosmetology.

"I have found that you don't just teach people how to fix hair," Brackeen said. "I have to not only teach them the theory and the lab work, but I have to teach them how to have people skills, how to manage a business, pay taxes and set up shop.

"Cosmetology also has a large population of nontraditional students. Many of them are insecure, worried about their grades and concerned about being in the workplace. I have to also teach them confidence."

Brackeen said she also has to deal with the fact that there are many different personalities all in one room for eight hours a day.

"Some days I have to be teacher, psychologist, mother, warden and maintenance supervisor all at the same time!" she said. "But I like to be able to do all these things, so it's not really a challenge."

Brackeen said she likes the lab instruction much more than the classroom theory portion of instructing.

"When I started teaching," said Brackeen, "I just wanted to teach them how to do hair. I always wondered why other instructors didn't have time to teach them how to cut hair with a razor or other things like that. I was that naïve. After I started teaching, I found out why.

"I have some students come into this program and the first thing I have to teach them is the difference in vertical and horizontal. I wasn't prepared for that in the beginning. And I wasn't prepared to have to teach a student how to say good morning to a client or to hold a conversation with a client."

Brackeen has always been a people person, however, she did have her share of learning experiences in school, much like those of her students.

She said, "I wasn't afraid in school. When I finished one client, I was standing at the desk waiting for another one. And there was nothing I wouldn't try. I had been in school three weeks when my instructor came in one day and asked if anyone knew how to do a frost. And I said, 'I can do it.'

"At that time, we took students all three semesters. So I pulled a senior student in and said, 'Tell me what a frost is."

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Brackeen is shown combing the hair of Ms. Lula Hoskin of Newton who has her hair done each week in the ECCC cosmetology department.

"So I carried the client back and did the frost. But when I went to shampoo her, no one ever told me to slide a towel underneath the cap to catch the water that would run between the head and the frosting cap.

"When I sat her up I asked her how the shampoo was. She said, "Oh, it was fine, but you have wet me all the way down my back! That was the first client comment I ever had. Her hair looked really good even though she was really wet."

Brackeen said she never really thought about becoming a cosmetologist. She had never even seen a perm rod when she began cosmetology school.

"The first time I saw a perm rod, I asked Mrs. Hurt what it was and what she expected me to do with it. And she said, 'I expect you to roll that hair with it.' Of course, I thought there was no way hair would go around that perm rod!

"I also couldn't use the curling iron and the blow dryer at the same time. So I would end up hitting them in the head with the blow dryer!

When we got out for Thanksgiving holidays, I told my instructor I would not be

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back unless I could blow dry hair! My poor child hardly had any hair left when I got back to school, but I knew how to blow dry.

"That's just how I was. I couldn't stand not knowing how to do something. And I was not afraid. I wanted to be able to do everything."

Brackeen said those who have most influenced her career are former teachers.

"I suppose I'm like a first-grader who wants to be like their teacher," Brackeen said. "I just wanted to be like Shirley Hurt. She taught like I liked. She used the concepts and was really good at what she did. She had a lot of confidence. And I would love to have the compassion that Mrs. (Sarah) Griffin has."

Her advice to new students or those considering a career in cosmetology is "Don't give up."

"It's really frustrating when you first start," Brackeen said. "Most students are not prepared for how demanding it is physically and they are overwhelmed when they first start.

"We have to satisfy a lot of people. We have to do what the school says, what the state department says, what the state board says and what I say. But if they just won't give up and will keep trudging, this field will be good to them. Just don't give up!"

One of those nominating Brackeen for "Instructor off the Year" wrote, "She has always been willing to go that extra mile to make sure that her students are prepared. She cares deeply for her students and for East Central Community College."

Another wrote, "She is one of the most actively engaged teachers I have ever know. Wanda's vivacious personality and exuberance for teaching make her a favorite with her students as well as her peers."

Brackeen is a member of SkillsUSA/VICA, the Association for Careers in Technical Education, Mississippi Association for Carees in Technical Education, Mississippi Cosmetology Association, and the National Cosmetology Association.

She is a member of Sands Springs Baptist Church.

Brackeen and her husband, the late Wayne Brackeen of Hickory have three children. Bill and his wife, Jennifer, live in Hickory. They have three daughters: Emily, 12; Olivia, 3; and Claudia, 9 months. They are expecting a fourth daughter this fall. Lisa and her husband, Glen Hollingsworth, also of Hickory, have four daughters: Alex, 10; Anna, 7; Abby 6; and Aubrie, 3. They are also expecting a daughter this fall. Leslie and her husband, Jason Eason, reside in Arkansas and have one son, Cole, 8 months.

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Former Collegians Selected "Special Reunion Group"

Former members of the Collegians have been selected as this year's "special reunion group" and will be honored during Homecoming activities Saturday, October 9.

Thomas W. Carson, director of bands at ECCC, is a charter member of the talented group and has been its leader since 1984. He is also one of the group's guitar players. He said the Collegians were first organized more than 30 years ago.

"Mrs. (Marian) Thornton, who taught piano at EC, actually started the group and came up with the name during the 1973-74 school term, my freshman year at East Central. I played guitar in the group and was responsible for getting the rhythm section (piano, bass and drums) together," Carson recalled.

Carson said the following year, Bob Heritage, who was selected the College's new choir director, took over the group and was its leader for several years.

"The Collegians went through several changes during that time, but was basically a show choir," he stated.

When Carson joined the ECCC staff in 1982, he was asked to assist Heritage with the group. Carson said his area of responsibility was the instrumental section. Carson took over the group a year later.

"Mr. Heritage left East Central in 1983-84, and I asked to take over the group and that it be a part of the band department. We also changed the focus of the group to a Top 40 rock 'n' roll band, as it is today," Carson stated.

In addition to directing the Collegians and serving as lead guitarist, Carson arranges all the musical selections "to give the Collegians the sound that more closely resembles what is actually heard on the radio."

The Collegians were featured entertainers at Disney World in Orlando during May, their fourth trip as an invited performer to the popular resort area. The group has performed at various locations for the past 15 consecutive years, including Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida; Sea World in San Antonio, Texas; the South Street Seaport in New York City; and the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. The Collegians also made their 21st appearance at the Neshoba County Fair during 2004.

For more information on the Collegians Reunion, contact Thomas W. Carson at 635-2111, ext. 228, or Stacey Hollingsworth, Administrative Assistant in the Foundation and Alumni Relations Office, 635-2111, ext. 327. The toll free number is 1-877-462-3222.

East Central Welcomes New Faculty/Staff

Several new faces have joined the East Central Community College family in recent months. They include Nan Anderson of Madison, Ala., Associate Degree Nursing Program instructor; Teresa Black of Forest, secretary for the Office of Admissions, Records and Research; Chris Boone of Thibodaux, La., assistant football coach; James W. Boykin of Conehatta, interim carpentry and cabinetmaking instructor; Judy Brooks of Carthage, business and computer technology instructor; Debbie Buntyn of Tuscaloosa, Ala., computer science instructor; Paige Case of Meridian, English instructor/yearbook adviser; Rhonda Chandler of Meridian, Childcare Attendant; Peggy Clayton of Meridian, chemistry instructor; Tammie Rigdon Edwards of Decatur, licensed practical nursing instructor; Janice Evans of Hickory, Childcare Attendant; Terry Evans of Taylorsville, assistant football coach; Susan Fox-Smith of Decatur, psychology instructor;Ruth Gregory of Little Rock, business technology instructor; Dusty Hillman, assistant baseball coach; Judy Hurtt of Chunky, business technology instructor; James Keys of Collins, assistant football coach; Betsy Mann of Philadelphia, Associate Degree Nursing instructor; Carey Melvin of Thibodaux, La ., assistant football coach; Kevin Ryals of Louisville, speech instructor; Mary Wall of Decatur, secretary for the Office of Admissions, Records and Research; Kim Willis of Philadelphia, interim biology instructor; and Sylvia Wright of Louisville, mathematics instructor;

Nan Anderson

Anderson previously served as clinical instructor for the Nursing Faculty at Calhoun Community College in Decatur, Ala.

She is also a former clinical instructor and course manager for the master's program in Nursing Administration at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Ala., where she also served as a graduate teaching assistant.

In addition, she has numerous years of experience serving as a nurse at various area hospitals and health clinics.

In all, she has 29 years experience in the nursing field, both as a practitioner and educator.

Honors she has received include the Carlton W. Kelley Teaching Excellence Award, presented by Calhoun Community College and the Calhoun Foundation; Alabama College System Award of Excellence; and a NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) award, presented for teaching and leadership excellence at the University of Texas at Austin. She was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004.*

Anderson holds a master of science degree in nursing from the University of Huntsville, and has a bachelor of science degree in nursing as well as an associate's degree in nursing from Mississippi University for Women.

She is married to Mike Anderson, who serves as plant manager at Remy Reman in Meridian. They have two children, Anna Claire, 15, and Melissa Grace, 12.

Anderson is the daughter of Mrs. Fred Davis and the late Dr. Fred Davis of Starkville.

Teresa Black

Black was previously employed as a receptionist for Forest Elementary School, where she also performed various secretarial duties including data processing and maintaining student files.

She is also a former pressman for Hall's Printing in Morton and she worked in the production department of The Scott County Times weekly newspaper in Forest.

A 1975 honor graduate of Forest High School, Black received her associate's degree from East Central this past spring and is continuing her education at Mississippi State University-Meridian Branch.

In addition, she serves as a board member for the Forest Community Arts and is pianist at East Forest Baptist Church. She also performs with the gospel group, First Born.

Black and her husband, Dennis, have two sons, David and Randy.

Chris Boone

Boone, who serves as defensive coordinator and also coach defensive backs and special teams for the Warriors, comes to East Central from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, La., where he served as linebacker coach for the past two years.

Boone helped lead NSU to its first appearance in the Southland Conference title game in 2003, and the 2002 squad had its first winning season since 1996 with a 7-4 mark. The 2002 Colonels finished third in the Southland Conference and were ranked 21st nationally by USA Today. The defensive unit went from 84th to 17th nationally and finished first

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in the Southland Conference in scoring defense. The Colonels also improved from 76th to 24th in pass defense, and from 81st to 36th in total defense.

Boone is also former assistant at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, where he served from 2000-02. He served as defensive line coach, recruiting coordinator and secondary coach. He was also special teams coordinator and academic coordinator. The 2000 Boll Weevils finished with an 8-3 mark and were ranked as high as 18th nationally. UAM finished third in total defense in the Gulf South Conference.

Boone's coaching experience also includes stints at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Wayne County High School in Waynesboro, Pearl River Community College in Poplarville and the University of Southern Mississippi.

At UAB, Boone was a graduate assistant for defensive coordinator Bill Clay from June 1999 to May 2000, working mostly with linebackers.

He served as linebacker coach/special teams coordinator/power lifting coach at Wayne County from June 1998 to May 1999. The Wayne County defense was ranked in the top 10 in scoring defense in Class 5-A, and the War Eagles qualified for the State Class 5-A playoffs for the second time in school history.

Boone was also linebackers and special teams coach at Pearl River, where he served from June 1997 to May 1998.

He began his coaching career as a student assistant at USM, serving from June 1996 to May 1997. His duties included assisting defensive coordinator John Thompson in coaching linebackers. The Golden Eagles were conference co-champions that season and finished with an 8-3 record.

Boone is a 1996 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in coaching and sports administration. He was also a member of the USM football team from January 1995 to May 1996. He received an associate of arts degree in 1993 from Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, where he was a two-year starter at linebacker on the Bobcat football squad. He was also voted team captain his sophomore season. Boone also had a stellar football career at West Jones High School, where the three-year starter was named to the All-District, All-Conference and All-County squads.

He is married to the former Coco Walker of Waynesboro and they have an infant daughter, Cameron.

James Boykin

Boykin is filling the position held by Fredrick Lyons whose guard unit has been activated for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Boykin was a carpenter for Choctaw Development Enterprise in Philadelphia.

He is a 1996 graduate of the advanced carpentry program at ECCC and won various honors for his expertise in the field. He placed first in cabinetmaking in the State VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) competition and received the carpentry and cabinetmaking award.

He also received a building trades certificate at the Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center and won various awards. He placed first in the framing competition at the District High School VICA Contest and was selected Most Outstanding Student in the carpentry program.

The Sebastopol High School graduates also completed requirements to become a certified Surrell Solid Surface Countertop installer.

He is married to the Regena McCraw of Sebastopol, who serves as technology management assistant at ECCC. They have a two-year-old son, Wesly.

Judy Brooks

Brooks previously served as business and computer teacher at the Walnut Grove Youth Correctional Facility. She is also a former business and computer teacher at Leake Academy. She began her career in education as a business teacher at Utica High School.

A graduate of Carthage High School, Brooks holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business education from Delta State University and has an Associate in Arts degree from East Central Junior College. She also completed a Career Discovery Endorsement course from Mississippi State University.

She and her husband, Robert, have two daughters, Maggie and Rebekah.

They are active members of Trinity Baptist Church in Carthage.

Debbie Buntyn

Buntyn previously taught business technology courses at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa. She is also a former faculty member at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala., and at Ayers State Technical College in Anniston, Ala.

She has served 15 years in education, and said she "enjoys working with students and sharing the knowledge that I have acquired."

Honors include her selection as a NISOD (National Institute for

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Staff and Organizational Development) participant, an annual conference that recognizes outstanding community and junior college instructors. She was also named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004 edition*.

Buntyn is a graduate of Jacksonville State (Ala.) University, where she received a master of arts degree in general studies (with concentration in educational computer technology) and a bachelor of science degree (special honors) in computer information systems. She is also a graduate of Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery, Ala.

She was recently married to Dale Buntyn and they reside in Collinsville. They have six children, Heather, Shana and Jordan Hammons, and Susan, Trey and Kathryn Buntyn.

Paige Case

Case previously taught English and served as student newspaper adviser at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

She is also a former English instructor at Kate Griffin Junior High School in Meridian, Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the Brookhaven Public School District. In addition, she is a former faculty member and yearbook adviser at Velma Jackson High School in Camden and Morrison Christian Academy in Taichung, Taiwan.

She also previously served as Newspaper in Education Coordinator at *The Meridian Star.*

Her activities include serving as a Girl Scout leader and a member of the Children's Ministry Team at Central United Methodist Church in Meridian.

Case holds a master's degree in English from the University of West Alabama in Livingston and has a bachelor's degree in English from Millsaps College in Jackson. While at Millsaps, she was sports editor of the college yearbook, *Bobashela*. She also attended Mississippi State University and served as sports editor of the MSU yearbook, *Reveille*. She is a graduate of Brookhaven High School.

She is married to David Case, who serves as director of technology management at ECCC. They have three children, Elizabeth, 12; Catherine, 10; and Mary Madelon, seven.

Rhonda Chandler

Prior to her employment at East Central, **Chandler** served as a preschool teacher at Kindercare Learning Center in Meridian. She also has experience as a Pre-K4 Teacher at Playcare Day Center in Meridian and Nancy's Kiddie Land in Newton.

Chandler received her associate's degree in Child Development Technology from East Central Community College in 1990.

She is married to Michael Chandler of Meridian. They have two daughters, Leah, 8, and Shelby, 6.

Peggy Clayton

Clayton previously served as science instructor at Southeast Lauderdale High School in Meridian. She is also a former adjunct chemistry and physical science instructor at Meridian Community College. In addition, she has taught science classes at Northeast Lauderdale (Meridian), Enterprise and Utica high schools.

She holds the bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Millsaps College, the master of education degree from Mississippi State University, with additional coursework from the University of Alabama and the University of Southern Mississippi. She also holds National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification in Adolescent/Young Adult Science. She is a graduate of Lamar High School in Meridian.

In additional to her classroom teaching activities, Clayton has made several presentations at professional meetings and workshops in connection with her work with the Mississippi Section of the American Chemical Society. She is also a member of several science-related professional associations.

She is married to Tom Clayton of Meridian. They have three sons - Sean, Jason, and Adam, and a granddaughter, Kaitlyn, daughter of Jason and Danielle Clayton.

Tammie Edwards

Edwards was previously employed as a registered nurse at Laird Hospital in Union. She is also a former nursing staff member at Horizon Hospice in Decatur, Newton Regional Hospital and Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian. In addition, she is a former Skills Lab/Computer Lab instructor at ECCC.

A graduate of Decatur High School, Edwards received an Associate in Science degree from ECCC in 1992, where she was a

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member of Mu Alpha Theta, Phi Theta Kappa, Warrior Corps, Centralettes and the Lady Warrior basketball team. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1993 and received the Citizenship Award.

She is married to Matthew Edwards and they have two children, Jacob, six, and Jackson, two.

They are members of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church.

Janice Evans

Janice Evans is a 2004 graduate of the College's Child Development Technology Program where she served as a student caregiver and teacher.

She was previously employed with Brooks Manufacturing in Union and Bon-Homme in Decatur.

Evans is married to Rodney Evans, who serves as a security guard for the College. They have two children, Kristian, 17, and Roderrian, 4.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, **Terry Evans** was defensive line coach at Wayne County High School and helped lead the 2003 War Eagles to Class 4A state title. Evans also was also a substitute teacher at Wayne County and Taylorsville high

Terry Evans

schools.

Evans served the previous year as defensive end coach at Taylorsville High School, which captured the Class 2A championship in 2002. Evans also coached basketball at Taylorsville during 2002-03.

He is also an agilities instructor and served as an assistant coach at the Adalius Thomas Football Camp.

Evans received a bachelor's degree in coaching and sports administration at the University of Southern Mississippi and earned an associate's degree from Jones County Junior College. He also attended Delta State University. He is a graduate of Taylorsville High School.

Evans has two sons, Terrance and Cameron, who reside in Laurel.

Evans' parents are Alice Ducksworth and Artis Evans, both of Taylorsville.

Smith previously served as Career Discovery teacher and tennis coach at Neshoba Central High School, where she is also a former girls' head basketball coach. She served as an assistant girls' coach prior to taking over the program. She is also a former adjunct psychology instructor at ECCC.

In addition, she is a former elementary physical education instructor and tennis coach at Lamar School

Susan Fox-Smith

in Meridian. She began her coaching/teaching career at Mississippi College in Clinton, where she served as a graduate assistant coach for the women's basketball team. She later served as an assistant women's basketball coach and was women's tennis coach.

Smith has a master's degree in counseling from Mississippi College and a bachelor of science degree in physical education from Mississippi State University. She also attended Mississippi University for Women. She is a graduate of Leake Academy.

She is married to Billy Smith, ECCC men's head basketball coach. They have three children, Andy, Chandler and Mackie.

Gregory previously taught business technology courses at Union High School. She has also served as an adjunct instructor at ECCC.

In addition, her teaching experience includes stints at Scott Central Attendance Center, Lake High School, Forest-Scott County Vocational-Technical Center and Poplarville High School. She also taught classes at England Air Force Base in Louisiana for Northwestern State University and at Kaiserslautern American High School in Kaiserslautern, West Germany.

Honors she has received include her selection to attend the first Mississippi State University Insurance Educational Foundation Institute held in July. Teachers from throughout the Southeastern part of the United States were invited to attend the conference to study risk management and insurance. Gregory said the goal of the Institute was "to provide teachers with training to teach students about insurance and disseminate information pertaining to careers in the insurance industry."

Ruth Gregory

She is a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and the National Business Education Association.

Gregory holds master's and bachelor's degrees in business education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She received an associate in arts degree from East Central Community College in 1982 and finished high school at Beulah-Hubbard where she was salutatorian of the 1980 graduating class.

She is married to Michael

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D. Gregory of Union, who is manager of Central Transport, which operates in east central Mississippi and west Alabama. They have two children, Troy and Danielle, who attend Newton County Schools.

Dusty Hillman

Hillman begins his first season as assistant baseball coach.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Hillman was a member of the Mid-Missouri Mavericks, an independent professional baseball team based in Columbia, Missouri.

A 1999 graduate and baseball standout at Taylorsville High School, Hillman continued his athletic career at Delta State University until transferring to William Carey College in December 2002. He helped lead William Carey to the NAIA Gulf Coast Conference championship and a second-place finish in the NAIA Regional Tournament for two consecutive years.

Hurtt previously served as business and office technology and medical office technology instructor at Meridian Community College.

She has also taught classes for the Naval Technical Training Center

Judy Hurtt

in Meridian, where she served as a Yeoman "A" instructor for the San Diego (Calif.) Community College District and earlier held the same position at Meridian Community College. In addition, she served as part-time night director at Draughon's Business College in Jackson, and is a former legal secretary for law firms in Jackson and Hattiesburg.

Hurtt was selected to attend the 2003 Lamplighter Conference, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. She is also a recipient of the Good Practices in Teacher Award and serves as community college representative for the Mississippi Business Education Association. She was also recently named to Who's Who Among Community College Teachers.

She is a member of Delta Pi Epsilon, honorary graduate business education organization, and the Mississippi Department of Education Hospital Billing and Coding Curriculum Writing Team.

The Forest High School graduate received master's and bachelor's degrees in business education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She also has an associate in arts degree from East Central Junior College.

She is the daughter of Johnnie and Earline Hurtt of Forest.

James Keys

Keys' main area of responsibility will be coaching linebackers and assisting with special teams.

He is a former football standout at ECCC, where he was a member of the 1998 and 1999 squads. He was an honorable mention All-State selection as defensive end in 1999 and helped lead the Warriors to a berth in the state playoffs en route to an 8-3 record. Keys was voted permanent defensive team captain following the 1999 campaign.

He continued his athletic career at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma, which finished runners-up for the 2000 NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) championship. Keys won various honors following the 2000 season, including second team All-American, first team All-Conference and Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Keys also played two years in the Arena Football League as a member of the Billings (Montana) Outlaws.

He returned to Northwestern as a graduate assistant prior to joining the ECCC staff.

Betsy Mann

Mann previously served the College's ADN program as adjunct clinical instructor, a post she has held since 2002.

She has also served on nursing staffs at Airpark Medical Clinic, Neshoba County General Hospital and Neshoba County Nursing Home, all in Philadelphia, and at St. Dominic Health Services in Jackson.

Mann is a member of the Mississippi Nurses Association and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. She attends St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

She holds master and bachelor degrees of science in nursing from University Medical Center in Jackson and has an associate degree in nursing from Meridian Community College. She is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School.

She is married to Dr. John Mann.

Melvin serves as defensive line coach and assists with special teams. He served as an assistant defensive line coach and student assistant at

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Carey Melvin

Nicholls State during 2003-04 and helped lead the Colonels to their first appearance in the Southland Conference title game.

Melvin is also a former defensive coordinator/ assistant track coach at Garland Christian Academy in Garland, Texas, where he served from May 2001 to May 2003. His duties also included coaching linebackers.

The new ECCC assistant was a linebacker at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia. He also played linebacker at McEachern High School in Powder Springs, Georgia, and was previously a tight end for North Mesquite (Texas) High School. He was a member of nationally ranked track 4 x 400-meter relay teams at both high schools.

Ryals previously served as oral communication instructor at Mississippi State University. He is also a former adjunct speech instructor at ECCC.

A Winston Academy graduate, Ryals received a master of science degree in speech communication from the University of Southern Mississippi and has a bachelor of arts degree in communication management from Mississippi State.

He is married to the

Kevin Ryals

former Shonna Harvey of Kosciusko, who teaches English at Louisville High School. They have a six-year-old son, Peyton, a first-grader at Winston Academy.

Mary Wall

Wall joins the East Central staff after a 26-year career in the loan department of a local bank. She was also previously employed as a legal secretary for Judge Marcus Gordon.

She is a graduate of Decatur High School and East Central Community College.

Wall is married to Larry Wall, who is retired from newspaper and military careers. They are active members of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church.

Kim Willis

Willis is filling in for Ron Davis who is on medical leave.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Willis served as continuing education coordinator/instructor for Progressive Pipeline Construction Company. She is also former biology and human anatomy instructor at Philadelphia High School and previously taught general science at Kosciusko Middle School. In addition, she is a former science methods and creative writing instructor at Mississippi State University.

Willis has received several awards for teaching excellence. She was the recipient of Mississippi's 1993 Herbert M. Handley Outstanding Science Teacher Award presented by the Mississippi Science Teachers Association, and was the 1992 recipient of the Science and Mathematics Teacher Award presented by the Mississippi State University Chapter of Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society.

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Willis received her master's and bachelor's degrees in biology from Mississippi State University. She also has an A.A. degree in dental hygiene from Meridian Community College.

Sylvia Wright

Wright previously taught math at Nanih Waiya High School and was the recipient of STAR Teacher recognition on two occasions. She also serves as an adjunct mathematics instructor for ECCC and previously taught adjunct classes at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

She has a master's degree in secondary education and a bachelor's degree in mathematics education from Mississippi State University. She is also a graduate of Louisville High School.

She is married to John Wright and they have three children – Matthew, 19; Morgan, 17; and Mallory, 15.

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EC Staff Members Complete Leadership Program

Two East Central Community College staff members participated in the Mid South Community College Fellowship Program held recently at Lake Tiak-O'Khata near Louisville.

David Case

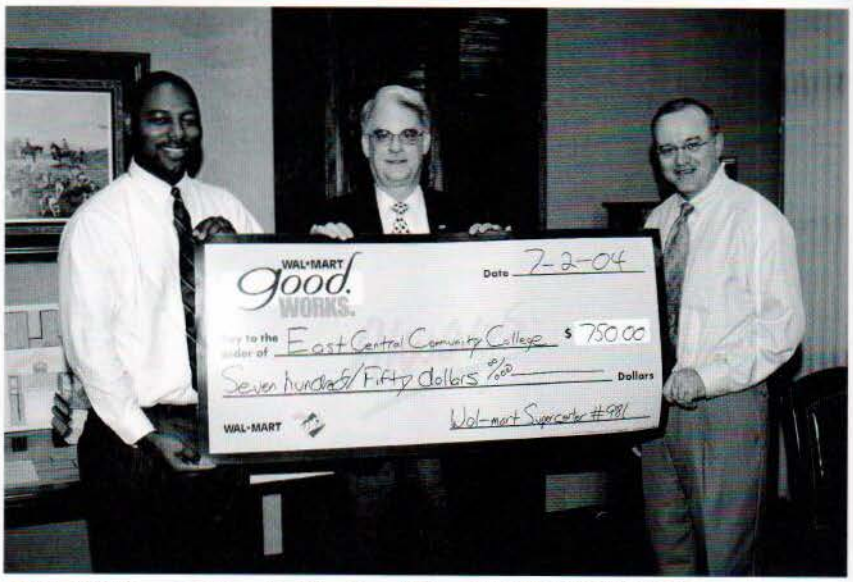
David Case, Director for Technology Management, and Chris Harris, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, spent six days at the annual conference, with most of the time engaged in intense problem-based learning exercises designed to strengthen the Fellows' abilities in performing their college duties and better prepare them for leadership roles in their field.

Chris Harris

Featured speakers for the weeklong activity included State Senator Grady Tollison, D-Oxford; Mississippi State University President Dr. Charles Lee; Dr. Marty Wiseman, director of the Stennis Institute of Government at MSU, and numerous community college presidents – both active and retired – from inside and outside the state.

The 32 Fellows came from four states – Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky and Alabama – and brought the total number of MCCFP participants to 275 since the program started in 1994. It is a project of the Community College Leadership Program in MSU's College of Education. It was funded for 10 years by the Phil Hardin Foundation in Meridian, Miss., and is underwritten by the Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation.

Over the years, educators from Georgia and Arkansas also have taken part in the program. Three community college presidents have emerged from its ranks so far.



Wal-Mart Contributes To ABE/GED Program

East Central Community College's efforts to combat adult illiteracy recently received a financial boost thanks to a $750 contribution made by the Wal-Mart Super Center Store #981 in Meridian. Kirk Ingram (left), assistant store manager, is shown making the presentation to ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (center) and Gene Davis, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education. ECCC is currently serving approximately 1,800 students through its Adult Basic Education/GED Program. Wal-Mart and SAM'S Clubs donated nearly $6 million to support literacy programs throughout the country on National Literacy Day, which was observed July 1. For more information about ECCC's ABE/GED Program, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 278/279.

Brown Recognized for Service

Valley Services, Inc. recently honored Patrick Brown (center), food service manager at East Central Community College in Decatur, for five years of service to the College. He was presented a plaque of appreciation from LeRoy Taylor (fourth from left), director of operations dining services, during a ceremony held on campus. Also pictured are ECCC administrators (from left) Mickey Vance, vice president for business operations; Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president; and Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction.

Trees Donated for Fitness Trail

Two new trees have been added to the picturesque fitness trail at East Central Community College thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Ora Mae McAdory, a Winston County native who serves as supervisor of ECCC's Jackson Hall, a dormitory for female students. Mrs. McAdory, second from left, purchased two Laurel Cherry trees to be placed at the trail in honor of her sons who attended ECCC – Charles Davis McAdory (Class of 1977) and Jim Davis McAdory (Class of 1991). Pictured with Mrs. McAdory are Mike Dearing, Physical Plant director, and Stacey Hollingsworth, administrative assistant for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

Rush Contribution Provides Funding For Nursing Instructor

A new adjunct faculty member will be added to the Associate Degree Nursing Program staff at East Central Community College in Decatur thanks to a $25,000 contribution made to the College by Rush Health Systems of Meridian. Dan Harrison (left), Rush Senior Vice President, is shown making the check presentation to ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, while Wallace Strickland, RHS President and CEO, looks on. Dr. Sutphin said the new faculty member "will allow the admission of additional students to the program." For more information regarding the College's Associate Degree Nursing Program, contact Melanie Gilmore, dean, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 294. The email address is mgilmore@eccc.edu. (Photo courtesy Laura Davis, Rush Health Systems).

Contributes To Memorabilia Room Project

Kenneth Jones (center), president of the Decatur branch of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, presents a $500 check to East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, with funds designated for the College's Memorabilia Room, to be located in Burton Library. The special area will house various items related to the history of the College. Also pictured is Gloria Johnson (left), head librarian. Lucille Wood, longtime faculty member and former Lady Warrior basketball coach, is spearheading the fundraising project with assistance from Johnson, assistant librarian Gail Wood and Ovid Vickers, retired faculty member. For more information about the ECCC Memorabilia Room, contact Gloria Johnson, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 219. The email address is gjohnson@eccc.edu.

Numerous Scholarships Awarded at ECCC

East Central Community College held its annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon May 28 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. More than 50 endowed and other special scholarships were awarded to students throughout the College's five-county district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

The program was sponsored by BellSouth as part of the company's statewide grant initiative involved the Mississippi's 15 community and junior colleges.

The scholarships are provided by alumni and friends of the College and play a vital role in providing financial assistance to ECCC students.

Recipients and their respective hometowns include:

ATCO Loan Scholarship-Dione Cary, Walnut Grove; Bank of Forest Scholarship-Jessica Puckett, Forest; Bank of Morton Scholarship-Jonathan Thornton, Morton; TT Beemon Scholarship-Christopher Barnett, Newton; BellSouth Scholarship-Christopher Shephard, Carthage; Clayton Blount Scholarship-Brooke McMillan, Newton; Pleas and Nancy Amanda Breazeale Blount Scholarship-Haley Harris, Decatur;

Dr. Austin P. Boggan Scholarship-Lindsey Clark, Louisville; Paul V. and Voncile Breazeale Ministerial Scholarship-Taylor Nichols, Decatur; Ann Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship-Courtnee Graham, Nanih Waiya; Carthage Bank Scholarship-Shannon Brock, Edinburg; Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship-Mollie Cieglo, Forest;

Fred and Maudie Dallas Memorial Scholarship-Joanna Page, Union; James and Luvie Thomas EC Scholars Scholarship-Kirk Nelson, Hickory; Entergy Mississippi Scholarship-Laura Foreman, Little Rock; Gilmore Scholarship-Daniel Warren, Clarkdale; R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship-Megan Slay, Forest;

Shelby Harris Memorial Scholarship-Faith Hessenius, Louisville; Harrison Memorial Scholarship-Micah Lanier and Nick Alexander, both of Little Rock; Heart and Hand Gerontology Scholarship-Sheila Jackson, Meridian; Heart and Hand Jane R. Holbrook Scholarship-Marjay Jones, Philadelphia; Heart and Hand Elberta C. Phillips Scholarship-Carolyn Mayes, Louisville; Heart and Hand Myrtle Rae Burton Scholarship-Jackie Miller, Noxapater;

Hogue Brantley Scholarship-Frances Johnson, Lake; Albert and Fannie Mae Hollingsworth Scholarship-Brittany Mixon, Lake; Henry Bane "Bubba" Hudspeth and Faye McCully Hudspeth Scholarship-Zachary Harrison, Louisville; Myrtle R. Hutchison Scholarship-Ashley Nicholson, Chunky; James Land Memorial Scholarship-Micah Lanier, Little Rock; La-Z-Boy Scholarship-Darren Reed, Newton, and Courtney Averett, Conehatta;

Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Scholarship-Valerie Gibbs, Newton; Edwin and Marie Lowe Scholarship-Mary Jones, Forest; Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship-Kathryn Barney, Sebastopol; Merchants and Farmers Bank Scholarship-Olivia Johnson, Philadelphia, and Rachel Chappel, Philadelphia;

Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarship-Sara Stiles and Clay Thrash, both of Sebastopol, and Jamiee Jones and Teresa Jenkins, both of Louisville;Russell McCann Memorial Scholarship-Clancy Cleveland, Union; Polk and Jennie Pace Scholarship-Jon Henderson, Forest; Philadelphia Sertoma Club Scholarship-Josh Swindle, Noxapater;

R.C. Pugh Scholarship-Cindy Moody, Nanih Waiya; J.B. and Francis Harris Smith Scholarship-Kevin Gregory, Louisville; Joanne Stevens Memorial Scholarship-Brandon Michael Brown, Morton; Charles and Judy Dowdle Thomas Scholarship-Benjamin Melton, Philadelphia; Kenneth and Ella Mae Thornton & Emerson Electric Scholarship-Jessica Boswell, Union;

Thomas W. Thrash Memorial Scholarship-Brandi Patterson, Lena; U.S. Electrical Motors Scholarship-Elizabeth Richardson, Preston; Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent Scholarship-Rebekah Crenshaw, Union; Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial Scholarship-Kaci Reel, Louisville; Warrior Golf Classic Alumni Association Scholarship-Kasey Hall, Lake, and Brian Alford, Forest;

Weems Family Scholarship-Danielle Barrett, Carthage, and Kristin Taylor, Conehatta; Jack and Mary Joe White Scholarship-Ashley Franklin, Union; Wilkes-Palmer Scholarship-Josh Palmer, Louisville; Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm Scholarship-Kyle Bankston, Sebastopol; and General William Patrick Wilson General Academic Scholarship-Amy Ealy, Morton

Presents Matching Gift to EC Foundation

Stephen W. Brown (left), account manager at BellSouth, is shown presenting a check to ECCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin. The check represents a matching gift of personal donations made by employees through the BellSouth Matching Gift Program. The ECCC Foundation encourages donors to seek matching gifts from their employers when available.

Proud ECCC Lady Warriors!

Members of the East Central Community College women's basketball team display championships rings they were presented during a ceremony held June 17 on the Decatur campus. The Lady Warriors won the South Division, MACJC, and Region 23 titles and were Consolation Bracket Runners-Up in the NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship held in Salina, Kansas. The East Central women completed the 2003-04 campaign with a 31-4 record and were ranked eighth in the final NJCAA poll. Seated from left are Kimyatta Viverette, Lake; Courtney Yates (student assistant), Nanih Waiya; Miranda Rosar, Neshoba Central; Andrea Chesney (student assistant), Newton County Academy; India Backstrom, Neshoba Central; and Rita Birden, St. Fredrick High School, Monroe, La. Standing from left are Kristin Chaney, Newton County; LaSaundra Harrison, Union; Roxana Rogers, Lake; LaCole Brooks, assistant coach; Krystle Hunter, Noxapater; Britney Burks, Scott Central; Kim Cox, Lake; Ebonee'e Leverette, Forest; Lenore Gray, Newton; Monique Overstreet, South Leake; and Hope Murray, West Jones. Also recognized at the special program were the numerous contributors who helped send the Lady Warriors to the national tournament. Coach Brad Hodge also received a plaque commemorating the team's success from the Decatur Lions Club. Hodge was named Region 23 and MACJC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year and most recently was selected MAC (Mississippi Association of Coaches) Community/Junior College Women's Basketball Coach of the Year.

Hodge, Lady Warriors Honored

East Central Community College women's head basketball coach Brad Hodge (left) receives a plaque commemorating his team's success from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin on behalf of the Decatur Lions Club. The presentation was made during a program held June 17 during which team members received rings in recognition of their championship season. The Lady Warriors won the South Division, MACJC and Region 23 titles and were Consolation Bracket runners-up in the NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship held in Salina, Kansas. The East Central women completed the 2003-04 season with a 31-4 record and were ranked eighth in the final NJCAA poll. In recognition of his team's success, Hodge was named Region 23 and MACJC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year and was selected Mississippi Association of Coaches Community/Junior College Women's Basketball Coach of the Year.

Chaney Named Second-Team All-American

Kristin Chaney

After earlier being named All-Region 23, first team All-State and All-Division, East Central Community College fast-pitch softball player Kristin Chaney of Little Rock can add another honor to her resume: second team All-American!

Chaney, an infielder, is one of only three freshmen and the only Mississippian to receive second-team All-American honors in Division II. No players from the State were chosen on the first team, and two players – freshman infielder Brooke Bradley of Hinds Community College and sophomore outfielder Staranna Frazier of Northeast Mississippi Community College were tapped on the third team.

Lady Warrior head coach Scott Hill said Chaney is "most deserving" of the honor.

Kristin is a real pleasure to coach. She raises the rest of the team's level of play with the energy she brings to the field every game. Players like Kristin don't come around very often."

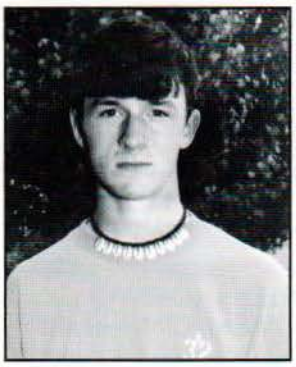
Chaney helped lead East Central to a 26-14 regular season record and a second-place finish in the Central Division with an 11-5 mark. The Lady Warriors advanced to the MACJC/Region 23 Tournament where they were eliminated following two losses in the double-elimination competition.

Following season action, Chaney received the Lady Warriors' most valuable player award. She batted .423 with four triples, seven doubles and 15 RBI's. She also scored 34 runs.

Chaney is also a standout member of the Lady Warrior basketball team. She played a key role in helping lead East Central to the Region 23, MACJC, and South Division titles. The Lady Warriors finished runners-up in the Consolation Bracket of the NJCAA Division I Women's National Basketball Championship in Salina, Kansas, and were ranked eighth in the final NJCAA poll with a record of 31 wins and just four losses. Chaney was named to the All-Region 23 Tournament Team and was a first-team All-State selection. She was also named the Lady Warriors' "Newcomer of the Year."

Chaney is a former standout at Newton County High School. Her parents are Rickey and Brenda Chaney of Little Rock.

Smart Places 10th At National Finals Rodeo



Chance Smart

Chance Smart of Newton completed a successful career as a member of the East Central Community College Rodeo Team by placing tenth in the College National Finals Rodeo held June 10-19 in Casper, Wyoming.

Smart, the only Mississippian who qualified to compete in the 10-day event, scored 157 points in the Bull Riding category, which was won by Tate Stratton of Western Texas College with 313.5 points.

ECCC Rodeo Coach Larry Dial, who also attended the Nationals, said Smart is the first Warrior to place in the top 10 at the national competition.

"Chance did a great job at the Nationals and had a great career at East Central. I'm very proud of him and wish him the best of luck as he continues his rodeo career," Dial said.

Smart qualified for the Nationals by placing second in Bull Riding in regional competition with 325 points. He will continue his rodeo career at the University of West Alabama.

ECCC Trustees Honored for Service

Members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees were recognized for various years of service at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees held July 16-17, 2004, at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi. The honorees, shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia (left) and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (right), include Silas O'Neal (second from left), 15 years, and Jerry Moore, 40 years, both of Carthage; and Vernon Crotwell, 15 years, of Morton. The trustees were also presented plaques of appreciation and were recognized at the ECCC Board's August meeting

ECCC Guardsmen Honored

Mississippi Army National Guardsmen Grover Cox (left) of Lake and Fredrick Lyons of Decatur were honored by their fellow employees at East Central Community College prior to their unit's deployment on July 25 for duty in Iraq. Staff Sergeant Cox and Sergeant First Class Lyons are members of the HHC 150th Combat Engineering Battalion, located in Meridian. They are part of the 155th Separate Armored Brigade in Tupelo, which includes approximately 4,000 guardsmen who reported to Camp Shelby prior to duty overseas. Cox is a member of the College's maintenance staff and Lyons teaches carpentry and cabinet making in addition to serving as an assistant football coach. Members of the College's maintenance staff and others held a cookout for the guardsmen at the ECCC pavilion.

ECCC Reports Record Enrollment!

Enrollment at East Central Community College in Decatur has reached an all-time high, as 2,739 students are enrolled in fall classes, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

Regarding the new enrollment record, which surpassed the previous record of 2,698 students who registered for fall 2003, Dr. Sutphin said: "We are proud of the continued growth at East Central and we pledge to continue to provide quality instruction and training in many programs to the citizens of our district."

He added, "It is our mission to provide educational opportunities to those who need to enhance their knowledge and skills to further their education or obtain more rewarding employment."

Dr. Sutphin also noted that East Central has experienced an increase in enrollment for 20 consecutive years.

Included in this year's student body are 1877 academic students, 766 technical majors and 95 students who are taking vocational courses. There are 1,736 freshman and 1,003 sophomores who are enrolled in classes on the Decatur campus and at various locations in the College's district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

Friends of the Wall O' Sound

With the tremendous growth of the ECCC band in recent years, demands for equipment and facilities have created new challenges on the financial resources available for the department. Under the 21-year direction of Thomas Carson, the band program has developed a tremendous surge in participation and programs. In addition to the 150 member "Wall O' Sound" marching band, a concert band, jazz band, nationally touring rock and roll band (The Collegians), percussion ensemble, and touring marching drum line round out a very diverse and active program available to the area high school graduates.

The ECCC foundation is making available to all alumni and fans of the band, an opportunity to "help make music" through financial support. These funds will be used to purchase much needed equipment and facilities necessary to maintain a modern, up to date program.

As a member of the "Friends of the Wall O' Sound," you may offer your financial support as follows: Maestro Level-$1,000 or more; Conductor Level- $500; Director Level -$250; Section Leader Level -$100; First Chair Level-$50; or Band Aide Level -$25.

(All contributions are tax deductible when made payable to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc.)

Membership runs from January 1 through December 31 each year. For more information contact the Foundation Office toll free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 or call 601-635-6327 or email us at sholling@eccc.edu or mail to the ECCC Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

Alumni Updates

Brian (Class of 1993) and Becky Addy Frink (Class of 1998) announce the birth of their son, Isaac Ray, born August 13, 2004. He weighed 7lbs. and 13 oz.

Ken Stidham (Class of 1963) wrote recently and said, "Hello – ECJC – Thanks for all the updates and really enjoy the Warrior magazine! Going on 39 years with General Electric Aircraft Division, Cincinnati, Ohio."

George E. Graves (Class of 1968) of Belzoni, formerly of Philadelphia, was promoted on July 1, 2004, to Assistant Superintendent of the Humphreys County School District.

Dustin Garvin McMullan (Class of 1999) has been activated with the 155th Infantry Brigade in support of the 3rd Infantry Division and began additional training August 21, 2004. After this training, Dustin will be assigned to duties in Iraq effective January 1, 2005.

Clinton (Class of 1955) and Barbara Russell (Class of 1954) celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, August 22, 2004. They were married at First Baptist Church in Union on August 22, 1954. The Russells reside in Decatur.

Terry Tullos (Class of 1972) retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in December of 2002 after 35 years of service. He served in the Navy from 1966-1970. His wife Rita Leach Tullos (Class of 1967) is currently employed by Newton County Schools where she teaches Pre-Algebra at the junior high level. Her prior teaching stints have been at South Leake High School, Warren Central Junior High, Vicksburg Junior High, and Newton.

Gina Buntyn Riley (Class of 1989) recently received a Masters in Education from William Carey College. She teaches 3rd grade at Loyd Star School and lives in Brookhaven with her husband, Patrick, and their two children.

Patsy C. Johnston's (Class of 1952) oldest grandson, Jeremy Wayne Johnston, married Jessica Paige on July 17, 2004. After honeymooning in the Caribbean, they will make their home in Monroe, LA. On May 21, 2004, grandson, Chad Johnston, graduated from Louisiana Tech with a major in environmental science.

Joe L. Blount, a Newton County native, was recently named the new Chairman and Executive Director of the Mississippi State Tax Commission. Mr. Blount was appointed by Governor Haley Barbour and approved by the State Senate to succeed Ed Buelow of Vicksburg. Mr. Blount is a 1964 Decatur High School graduate and attended East Central Junior College in the summer of **1965.** Mr. Blount served in the legislature for 8 years (1976-1984) and has lived in Jackson since leaving the statehouse.

Lenore Parker Ambrose (Class of 1954) retired after teaching elementary school for 41 years. She recently wrote to say she is "just resting on her laurels and loving it. " She resides in Ocala, Florida.

W. Frank Burt (Class of 1971) was promoted to president of Great Southern National Bank – Quitman Branch. His daughter **Jacqueline (Class of 2003)** is engaged to be married to Casey Bell.

Tina Davis Jordan (Class of 1992) and Lee Jordan announce the birth of their son, Kelby Lee Jordan, born October 2, 2003, weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz.

Mike Howle (Class of 1972) currently serves as a captain for Fed Ex.

Verneria Faye Chapman (Class of 1999) celebrated her 29th wedding anniversary on August 3, 2004, with her husband Gulliver. They reside in Newton.

Ashley Buckman (Class of 2004) of Bay Springs was crowned Mississippi's Miss Hospitality 2004 on Saturday, July 31, 2004, at the Saenger Theater in Hattiesburg.

Beverly B. Rhodes (Class of 1958) is now writing a column called the "Cook's Corner" for the Scott County Times.

Paige Warren Sessums (Class of 1991) and husband Stacy announce the birth of their son, Patrick Morgan Sessums, born December 7, 2003. The Sessums reside in Lena.

Cynthia "Cyndi" Robinson of Decatur and Stafford Myrick of Carthage were married Sunday, July 4, 2004 at the Historic Newton Depot in Newton. Cyndi is a 1980 graduate of Decatur High School and a 1983 graduate of ECCC. She has been the Assistant Human Resources Manager for La-Z-Boy South for over 10 years. Stafford is a 1979 graduate of Carthage High School and a 1984 graduate of Mississippi State University. The couple own The Auto Lab and The Marketing Lab, both based in Decatur. They currently reside in Decatur.

Joy Eichelberger (Class of 1985) Hannah's son, Deandre' Eiland, plays for the Minnesota Vickings (NFL) after playing football in 2000-2003 at the University of South Carolina.

Linda Thrash Cleveland (Class of 1962) is retired and lives in Brentwood, Tennessee. She taught school for five years and then became a realtor for 28 years. She is married with two children and four grandchildren.

Melanie Robinson Harrison (Class of 2001) and Jason Harrison (Class of 2000) announce the birth of their daughter, Ashlyn Elizabeth Harrison, born March 15, 2004. She was born at 12:20 a.m. at Rush Hospital in Meridian weighing 7 lbs. and 15 oz. She was 21 inches long. The family resides in Lawrence.

Buford Posey's (Class of 1948) son, Lt. Carlos Posey, is on active duty in the U.S. Navy. Buford Posey resides in Purvis.

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Laura Robinson Nelson (Class of 1995) and James E. Nelson announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Claire Nelson, on December 26, 2002. Laura is currently employed at Eckerd (soon to be CVS) in Brandon. The family resides in Flowood.

Wendy Williamson (Class of 2001) is currently working on a Master of Arts in Teaching at Mississippi College and will be teaching 7th and 8th grade history at Scott Central High School.

Kim Wolverton (Class of 1980), former ECCC Student Body president and sophomore class favorite, is currently teaching and coaching football at Leake Academy. He resides in Carthage with his father, Jack (Class of 1947), also an alumnus.

Junie Livingston Fuller (Class of 1956) recently wrote to say she would like to find Shirley Roebuck and June Everette who graduated with her in 1954. She also commented that she enjoys the magazine and that E.C. has a special place in her life.

George Presley Tate, Jr. (Class of 1988) is principal at Kosciusko Upper Elementary. George and his wife, Karla, have two children, John Presley and Andrew, and they reside in Sallis.

Helen Ann Usher Beeman (Class of 1952) and her husband, Harvey, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 2004 with a reception in the historic Quitman Train Depot in Quitman.

Marty (Class of 1999) and Linda Jones McKee (Class of 1991) announce the birth of their daughter, Alanna Brook McKee. Alanna was born April 28, 2004 and weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces. She was 20 inches long.

Charlie (Class of 1963) and Dee (Class of 1964) Payne, of Florence announced the birth of their 7th grandchild, Anna Riley Payne, born April 7, 2004, weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz. She was 20 inches long. Anna is the daughter of Jeff and Christy Payne of Richland.

Waldo M. Pryor, Jr. (Class of 1964) and his wife, Charlene Kilpatrick Pryor (Class of 1964) will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this year. They have two sons, Craig and Kevin, who work with their parents. They also have a six-year-old grandson named Cole. They all live in San Antonio, Texas.

Mel Carpenter (Class of 1954) is director of golf at Tripp Lake Camp located in Poland, Maine. This is his seventh summer running the program. Mr. Carpenter is from Ocala, Fla.

Minnie Dora Mitchell Fields (Class of 1954) retired from Mississippi State University in 2002. She resides in West Point.

Chester "C.J." Courtney (Class of 1954) from Durmott, Ark., became a great grandparent on March 23, 2004.

Irwin D. Callahan (Class of 1954) of Tallahassee, Florida retired from Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. as Director of Financial Services on April 30, 1999.

Lisa Hogue, youngest daughter of **Larry (Class of 1961)** and Sandra Hogue, was accepted for the Mississippi Writers' Institute this summer at the University of Southern Mississippi. Lisa teaches at Grace Christian School in Hattiesburg.

CPT Scottie Moore (Class of 1992), a career Infantry Officer, has been serving with the Multi National Force in Iraq since early spring 2004. He has served as Battle Captain and later Ground Watch Officer, Combine Joint Task Force Seven. He has spent most of his time in Baghdad in the First Calvary Division Area of Operations. He is married to the former Gretchen Bode of Acworth, Ga., and they have one son, Michael Scott, 1. In October 2004, CPT Moore will be reassigned as Regional Command Coordinator, with a pending promotion to Major with the assignment at United States Army Garrison, Fort Monroe, Va. (Editor's Note: CPT Moore emailed to let us know that he received The Warrior magazine all the way over in the desert of Iraq!)

Joe Culpepper (Class of 1977) was recently named sports editor at the Pensacola News Journal.

Rita Bell Fairchilds Harrison (Class of 1962) retired from the Murfreesboro, Tennessee, City School System. She taught a total of 34 years, with 22 being in the Murfreesboro system. She has also taught in Mississippi, Georgia and Texas.

Martha Cooper, Doyle McMullan, Jo Blackburn, Rickey Chaney, Mark Savell and Mack Fanning retired from the Newton County School System at the end of the 2003-2004 school year.

The 2004 Newton County High School graduating class presented a framed picture and plaque in memory of **June (Herd) Roberts** to the NCHS Library. Mrs. Roberts served as NCHS librarian from 1986-2002. She passed away on Feb. 16, 2002.

Bobashela Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has installed **Ann Hunter Burkes** as Regent, **Dale Gressett Wood** as Secretary, **Ada Boggan McGrevey** as Vice-Regent, **Jackie Sue Mayes Etie** as Treasurer, **Carol Farish Vickers** as Registrar, and **Ann Graham McWhorter** as Chaplain for 2004-2007.

The Leake Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees has named former Carthage Health Care Manager **Robert Faulkner** as the new administrator for Leake Memorial Hospital.

When **Cheryl Hicks Crooks** moved from her hometown of Hickory, she never imagined she would eventually become known as one of the best teachers in the State of Georgia. At the 2004 Conference of Star Teachers, Crooks was selected as Georgia's State Star Teacher.

Richard Boykin, a native of Leake County, was tabbed for the position of principal of the Carthage Elementary School by the Leake County Board of Education at their June meeting.

The Lake Board of Aldermen unanimously voted to name a section of Lake Norris Road, which runs from the railroad south to Interstate 20, after the late **Stephen David Lee**.

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Newton County High School head coach **Jeff Breland** coached the South team to victory in the Mississippi High School All-Star game recently played at Madison Central High School.

Betty Gomillion, sixth grade teacher at Walnut Grove School, was the subject of a lengthy feature in the Carthaginian. Gomillion is a talented artist as well as an outstanding teacher and pictures of several of her paintings accompanied the article.

Bobby J. Price has written an interesting book for those students who are having academic difficulties in high school. The book is titled How To Get Smart In School.

Wade Phillips is currently an anchor and reporter for WJBF-TV in Augusta, Georgia.

Willis Tullos has been named girls' basketball coach at Newton County High School. He comes to Newton County from Choctaw Central where he won three state championships.

Paula Stokes was named 2004 Star Teacher at Nanih Waiya high Schoool. Stokes teaches English.

Sandra Savell Winstead was named 2004 Star Teacher at Union High School. Winstead teaches mathematics.

Wes Cowart (Class of 2003) received the inaugural Federal Land Bank Association of South Mississippi endowed scholarship, established for students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Mississippi State University.

Brandi Nicole Bounds received the bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Marty Gamblin was the subject of a recent feature in the Neshoba Democrat. Gamblin recently returned to his native Philadelphia after a long career in the music industry in Nashville.

Local engineer **Jimmy Kemp** was recently chosen as one of 30 individuals named to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee. He is the only Mississippian on the committee.

Former East Central Community College Dean of Students and basketball standout **Denver Brackeen** was the subject of a recent feature in the Clarion-Ledger newspaper.

Edinburg native **Patrick Wilcher (Class of 2001)** was recently named assistant coach at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tenn., by head coach **Chris Croft (ECCC Class of 1993)**. Wilcher served as a student assistant at ECCC under head coach Jay Bowen and at Ole Miss under Rod Barnes.

Gaye Sharp McCarty was honored during the Hinds Community College 21st annual Mississippi and the Arts Week for her work as Director of the college's Marie Hull Art Gallery and curator of the college's permanent art collection.

Wayne McDill is the new Director of the Newton County Vocational Career Center. He will be taking the place of Mark Savell who has retired. McDill has been principal of the Newton High School.

Rep. Bobby Moody of Louisville has served the residents of Mississippi's 43rd House District for almost 21 years. He will now serve every district in the state since he was tapped by Governor Haley Barbour to serve as deputy director of Medicaid.

Freddy J. Bagley (Class of 1972) of Forest has been elected to the Mississippi Bankers Association Board of Directors. Bagley is chairman of the Board of Forest-based Community Bank of Mississippi.

Lois Blount Cooper has retired after 26 years of teaching business technology and computer science. She also served the Newton County School District as public relations officer.

Amelia Kennedy of Louisville was recently promoted to the rank of Colonel with the Mississippi Army National Guard. Colonel Kennedy has been a member of the Army Nurse Corps for 20 years and is currently serving as the Chief Nurse and Deputy commander of the Medical Detachment, Miss. National Guard.

The State Board of Community and Junior Colleges has recently appointed **John Adcock** as its first permanent Director for Career and Technical Education. From 1990 until 2003, Adcock served as Vice-President for Vocational-Technical Education at East Central.

Tom Keith has assumed the role of Human Resources Director at La-Z-Boy South in Newton. Keith brings 30 years of experience to his new role, from a variety of manufacturing assignments ranging from production to distribution and most recently human resources.

East Central faculty and former students who toured Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia in June were: **Carol Vickers, Mary Hanson, Nancy Peterson Haggard, Nona Vickers Creel, Rebecca Farish Smith, Dorothy Thomas, Dr. Milton Matthews, Glenda Burkes Comans, and Cheryl Comans.**

Doyle McMullan has accepted a position as chemistry and advanced chemistry teacher at Newton County Academy.

Kay Thomas Crenshaw and Howard Thomas Crenshaw recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Dr. Crenshaw is the Director of Pharmacy at Regency Hospital in Meridian.

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Wooten, Barham Are Radio 'Voices' For ECCC Warrior Football Games

A new voice will be heard on the radio this season broadcasting football games for East Central Community College.

Veteran broadcaster Melvin Wooten of Carthage will call the action for Warrior gridiron battles, which can be heard on KICKS 98 (98.3) in Carthage. He will be joined in the booth by game analyst Gilbert Barham of Philadelphia, a longtime sidekick of Mike Goodwin of Carthage who served as the radio voice of the Warriors for 19 years. Goodwin recently sold his WSSI-FM (98.3) station to Boswell Broadcasting in Kosciusko, which now operates under the call letters WCKK-FM.

Wooten previously served as the broadcast voice for Holmes Community College football games and continues to serve as the radio voice for high school football action on KICKS 98. He is also a former public address announcer for Leake Academy sports events.

His involvement in sports also includes 20 years service as an official for high school football, basketball and baseball games.

Wooten is a graduate of Mississippi State University and East Central Junior College (Class of 1969).

He and his wife Yolanda have three daughters, Dana Wilcher of Carthage, DeAnna Russell of Tupelo and Hayley Wooten of Meridian. Melvin and his wife also have three grandsons, Logan, Chandler and Jon Dylan Wilcher.

Barham has served the past 10 years as a color analyst for Warrior football games broadcast on WSSI-FM and most recently on WZKR-FM (103.3) in Meridian.

He is employed with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and currently holds the rank of master sergeant. He spent 15 years as an educator and coach at schools in Leake and Kemper counties.

ECCC alumni Gilbert Barham (left) of Philadelphia and Melvin Wooten of Carthage serve as the radio voices for East Central Community College football games, which can be heard on KICKS 98 (98.3 FM) in Carthage.

Barham is a 1972 graduate of Sebastopol Attendance Center. He was a member of the ECCC football team during the 1972 and 1973 seasons and graduated in 1974. He later earned a bachelor of science degree in English from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is married to the former Sheila Coleman of Clarkdale. They have two daughters, Casey, 17 and Codee, 15. The Barhams are members of Madden Baptist Church where Gilbert serves as an adult Sunday school teacher.

ECCC Scholarship Honors Longtime Coach

A scholarship honoring longtime basketball coach Richard Harris of Hickory was approved at the June meeting of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees.

Funding for the two-semester scholarship has been provided by Dr. Harold S. Aycock of Greenfield, California, who is one of Coach Harris' former players at Hickory High School.

Harris was a standout basketball player at Hickory High School, ECCC and Delta State University. He taught and coached boys' and girls' basketball teams at several Newton County schools for more than 40 years, winning five championships.

"His (Harris) coaching philosophy emphasized that players master the game's basic fundamental skills and strategies, play hard with court awareness and as a team, show respect for the game, opponents and themselves," said Dr. Aycock.

Coach Harris was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990 and the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame in 1991.

Candidates for the Richard Harris Scholarship must be a graduate of a high school in Newton County; have a desire to pursue a career in education; and complete at least two full academic semesters at ECCC with a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale with intentions to complete the appropriate sophomore program at East Central.

Preference for the Harris scholarship will be given to the prior year freshman recipient of the James E. Land Memorial Scholarship, also established by Dr. Aycock, if the freshman recipient meets or exceeds the minimum requirements listed above.

Richard Harris

Information Requested from ECCC Alumni Who Have Participated in Military Service

The staff of Mamie Ethel Burton Library at East Central Community College is in the process of developing a Memorabilia Room, which will contain the history and other archival material relating to the College. A portion of this project will be devoted to information and artifacts relating to the constituents of the College who have participated in military campaigns. The staff is requesting the data below from all ECCC students who participated in any military campaigns/battles during wartime. (For example: World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War or the current War on Terror.) If the service member is deceased, the staff requests that a family member supply the information. Please return the form to Lucille Wood, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

Years Attended ECCC: _____

While Attending ECCC: _____
(High School) (Hometown) (State) (County)

Branch of Service: _____

Dates of Deployment, Campaign or Active Combat Service: _____

Rank: _____
(At Time of Combat Operations) (At Retirement or Separation, If Different)

Combat Status:

POW (Prisoner of War): _____
(Battle/Campaign) (Length of Imprisonment) (Release Date)

WIA (Wounded in Action): _____
(Battle/Campaign)

KIA (Killed in Action): _____
(Battle/Campaign) (Location) (Year)

Medals/Awards:

Highest Award for Combat-Related Operations (For Meritorius Service,, Achievement or Valor): _____

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Highest Award at Retirement or Separation, If Different From Above: _____

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Funds, Historical Artifacts Sought for EC Memorabilia Room

Plans for the East Central Community College Memorabilia Room, which will house College historical artifacts and archives, are well underway and financial contributions continue to be accepted through the college's Foundation and Alumni Relations Office.

The project, which is expected to be complete by October, 2005 was the brainchild of ECCC librarians Gloria Johnson (head) and Gail Wood. Physical education instructor Lucille Wood, who also serves as Chairman of the Division of Social Science Business and Administration, and retired English instructor Ovid Vickers often conduct research from the College's archival collection and they have also been very instrumental in the development of the Memorabilia Room.

"During 2001, Gail and I were helping Mr. (Thomas) Thrash prepare a display to coincide with the World War II Exhibit, Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45, provided by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services. During this time we realized that we could produce a similar display of East Central history. We also had limited space to store our collections and needed a more efficient way to display and secure our these items," Johnson said.

The librarians said the three main goals of this room are to make the college's historical items and information accessible, readily available and secure.

Wood said, "People like to reminisce and recall a time gone by. By developing the Memorabilia Room, we think that our alumni and friends will be given an opportunity to revisit the history of the College. We are very excited about this room; however, we realized that it is going to take hard work and dedication."

According to Johnson and Wood, items to be housed in the special room include, but are not limited to, general archives such as letters, photographs and printed programs; books written by East Central alumni or those affiliated with the college; and some athletic memorabilia. Also an area will be designated for alumni who have served in the military and an area for the Choctaw culture.

Some of the items already secured for the room include an old Dictaphone used in the College's business classes and the Home Economics Department's first steam iron.

The College's display of Alumni Award recipients will also be housed in an area of the room.

Johnson said they are constantly looking for items to be placed in the room, however, the greatest need at this time is continued financial donations.

"We desperately need someone to build the cabinets and shelves that will house the bulk of the archival collections, and we also need someone to purchase the carpet," she said.

Financial contributions may be earmarked for the Memorabilia Room and can be sent to the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. Those wishing to donate items for the room may contact Johnson or Wood at the above address or by email at gjohnson@eccc.edu or gwood@eccc.edu. The telephone number is 601-635-2111, ext. 219, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 219.

ECCC Alumnus Returns Book – 50 Years Later!

Mike Pope was such a fan of Ernest Hemingway's *For Whom the Bell Tolls* that he "borrowed" the prized novel for some 50 years from the East Central Community College library! Pope, who resides in Petersburg, Virginia, is a Neshoba County native who graduated from ECCC in December 1954. He recently returned the book to the College's library and is shown presenting it to Gloria Johnson (center), head librarian, and Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction. Johnson said she was "elated" to have the first-edition copy of the Hemingway novel returned to Burton Library and did not impose a "late fee" fine on the ECCC alumnus. To show his appreciation, Pope made a contribution to the College's Memorabilia Room Project. The Memorabilia Room is located in Burton Library and will include items related to the history of the College. For more information about the project contact the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375. The email address is sholling@eccc.edu

Warren Trest: A Writer of Military History

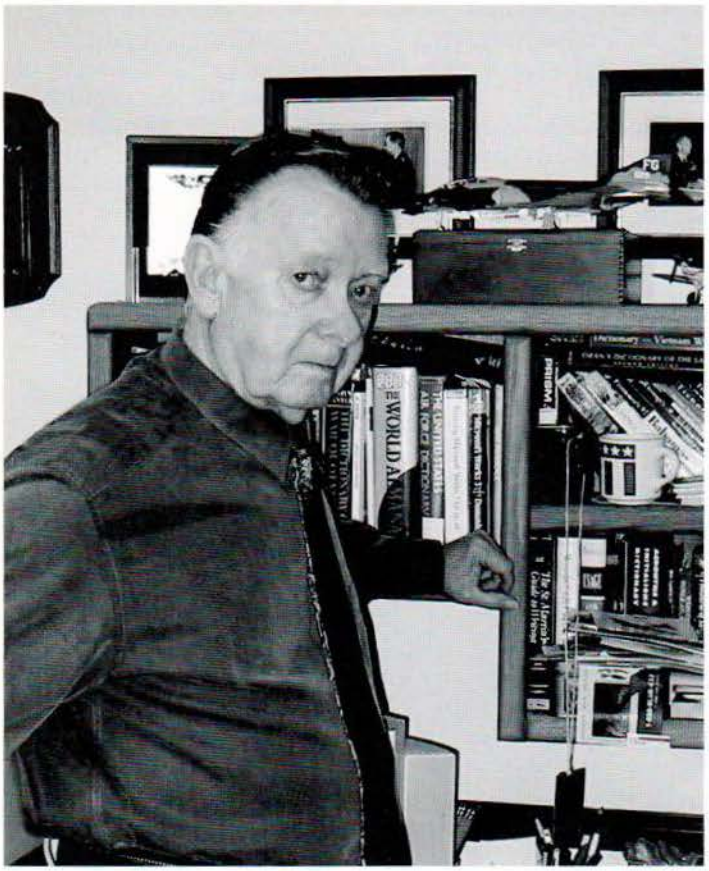
When he was a student at East Central Junior College and a writer for the student newspaper, *The Tom-Tom*, Winston County native Warren Trest probably never dreamed he would some day be known as one of America's foremost writers of military history.

Trest, who is now retired and lives in Montgomery, Alabama, entered East Central Junior College in September of 1949 after graduating from Louisville High School.

He spent more than 35 years in service to his country, including combat tours in Korea and Vietnam. He acted as an Army combat reporter in Korea and with the Air Force's special history team in Vietnam. During his time with the military, he directed two United States Air Force major command history programs and was the chief of the histories division and the senior historian at Headquarters USAF.

In a career spanning more than three decades, Trest authored and coauthored more than fifty official histories and studies, including the definitive history of Air Force Roles and Missions which was published in 1998.

He is also widely published in a number of professional military journals and reference works. His recently published works include Air Commando One: Heinie Aderhold and America's Secret Air Wars and also Wings of Denial: The Alabama Air National Guard's Role at the Bay of Pigs. Not only does he write history but,Trest also writes fiction. His most recent mystery novel is titled *Missing in Paradise*.



Warren Trest

During his long career with the military, Trest was awarded a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Korean Service Medal, Medal for Civilian Service in Vietnam, U.S. Air Force award for Meritorious Civilian Service, and the Air Force Outstanding civilian Career Service Award.

A portion of the citation which accompanied the awarding of the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award stated, "Mr. Warren Trest distinguished himself through outstanding service to the United States Air Force as Field, Major command, and Senior Historian for the Air Force History Program from October 1959 to January 1996.

"As a renowned air power historian, Mr. Trest compiled an enviable record and made lasting contributions that will pay tremendous dividends for the Air Force in the future.

"Mr. Trest has been the Air Force's leading authority on the roles and missions of the United States Air Force and the other services.

"His book *Roles and Missions of the United States Air Force*, will be the standard reference work on this complex subject and a lasting legacy of his many contributions to the Air Force History Program. Mr. Trest's exemplary service reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

In addition to having been honored by the military, Trest's book *Air Commando One: Heinie Aderhold and America's Secret Air Wars* was nominated by the Smithsonian Institution Press for the Bancroft Prize awarded by Columbia University for distinguished works in American History and also for the Society for Military History's Distinguished Book Award, which is given each year for an outstanding work in military history.

Trest continues to be extremely busy although he is retired. He is presently engaged fulltime in research and writing. He is working on a second book about Vietnam, a second mystery novel, and a biography of former Alabama governor John M. Patterson.

Trest's interest in Patterson stems from the fact that Patterson ran for and was elected as Alabama's Attorney General after political enemies murdered his father in 1954. In 1957 Patterson became Alabama's youngest elected governor and the only person to beat George Wallace in a gubernatorial race.

When asked to reflect on his years at East Central, Trest replied, "I have fond memories of my classmates at East Central, and I owe much to East Central's faculty. Two professors who had a great influence on my life and career were the incomparable Mrs. W. W. Newsome who taught literature and H. Keith

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Donates Books to ECCC Library

Lucille Wood (center), physical education instructor and Chairperson of the Division of Social Science, Business and Education at East Central Community College, recently donated four books to the College's Burton Library on behalf of her high school and college classmate, Warren Trest. Book titles include Air Force Roles and Missions: A History; Wings of Denial: The Alabama Air National Guard's Covert Role at the Bay of Pigs; Air Commando One: Heinie Aderholt and America's Secret Air Wars; and Missing in Paradise. Trest is a native of Louisville and graduated from Louisville High School and East Central Community College. He is a former combat reporter, writer and air power historian in the Korean, Vietnam and Cold wars. He now lives in Montgomery, Alabama, where he writes both history and fiction. Also pictured are librarians Gail Wood (left) and Gloria Johnson (right).

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Slothower who taught speech.

"My sophomore year, I was honored to be a representative to the Student Body Association. I also participated as a member of the *Wo-He-Lo* staff, was a member of *The Tom-Tom* staff, and was a member of the Drama Club and the Radio Club."

Following his graduation from East Central, Trest entered the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a B.S. Degree in English Literature. He is married to Kyung S. Trest, and they are the parents of three children, John M., Myong, and Thomas.

Warren Trest has had a long and distinguished career. His contributions to the military history of the United States are recognized and applauded by those who are interested in the recorded military history of this country.

Chancellor Leads USA Team To Gold Medal; Miller Brings Home Silver

East Central Community College alumnus Van Chancellor (Class of 1963) continued his success on the hardwood by leading the USA women's basketball team to a 74-63 victory of Australia to capture the gold medal in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Greece.

And fellow alumnus Coby Miller of Louisville, who attended ECCC in 1995-96, was also a medal winner, as he and members of the 4 x 100 relay team brought home the silver.

Van Chancellor

Chancellor, a Nanih Waiya native, and his USA squad went undefeated in the Olympic games, posting wins over the Czech Republic (80-61), South Korea (80-57), Spain (71-58), China (100-62) and Russia (66-62) prior to reaching the finals.

Chancellor, a 1998 inductee in the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame who is slated for membership in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2005, is certainly no stranger to winning gold medals or capturing championships.

He led the United States to a gold medal and a perfect 9-0 mark at the 2002 FIBA World Championship and received Coach of the Year honors for his efforts.

Coby Miller

He is also a four-time WNBA championship head coach of the Houston Comets, and had led the Comets to the playoffs during all seven years he has coached the team.

His overall record at Houston is 161-59 (.732 winning percentage), and he owns an 18-9 win-loss record in the playoffs (.643 winning percentage).

Chancellor has collected a trio of WNBA Coach of the Year honors and served as head coach of the West Team in the WNBA All-Star Game three times.

He also served as head coach of the 1998 WNBA All-Star Team that toured Brazil following the WNBA's second season.

Prior to his selection as the Comets' head coach, Chancellor spent 19 successful seasons leading the Lady Rebel basketball team at the University of Mississippi.

He posted a 439-154 overall record (.740 winning percentage) and advanced his teams to 14 NCAA Tournaments, which were highlighted by four Elite Eight appearances and three Sweet Sixteen finishes.

Chancellor was named 1992 National Coach of the

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Riley Finds Niche as Coach

Leads Provine to Two State Basketball Titles

When Luther Riley enrolled at East Central Community College in 1990 after receiving academic and basketball scholarships, he had aspirations of being a physician.

The South Leake High School salutatorian was told by many that because of his high grade point average he should consider a career in the medical or legal fields.

"Before deciding what career path I would take, I enrolled in East Central's medical technology program and signed up for the required prerequisites. My adviser told me that the medical technology program would be a good area to major in should I decide not to become a doctor.

"However, trying to do well in Dr. (Richard) Fisher's science classes plus do all the things required by Coach (Jay) Bowen were too much to handle, so I changed my major to liberal arts. I really like working with people, and being a coach is what I decided to do and I'm glad I made that decision," Riley said.

The folks at Provine High School are also glad Coach Riley decided to become a basketball coach and not a physician. Riley has led the Rams to two straight 4A state titles, a feat no other coach has accomplished at the Jackson school. He was also selected "Coach of the Year" by the Mississippi High School Activities Association and was named Metro Coach of the Year by The Jackson Clarion-Ledger.

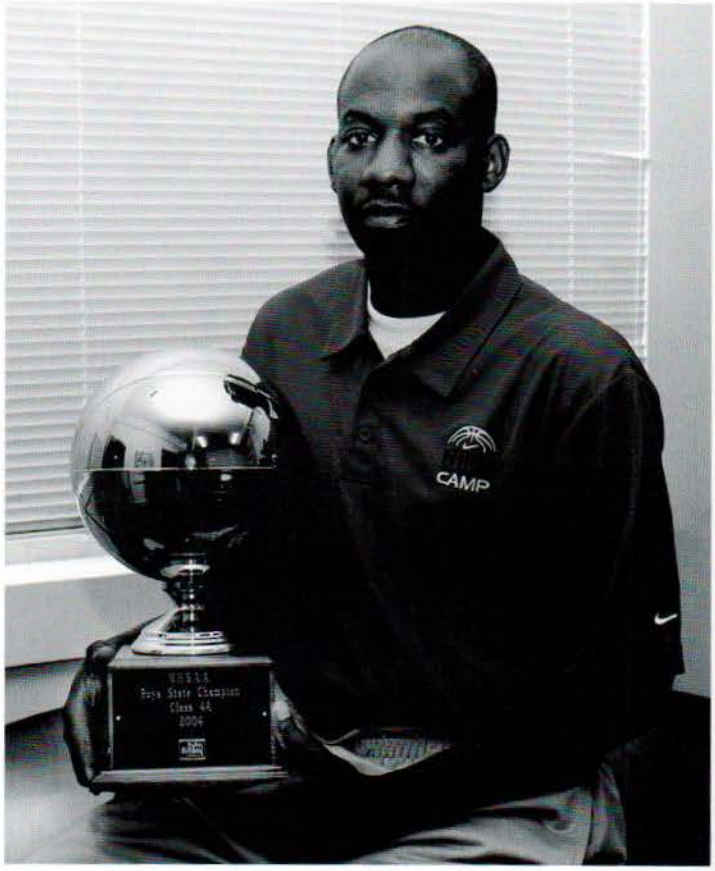
Riley is obviously proud of his teams' accomplishment.

only a great honor for me, but more importantly for my players, who believed in what we were trying to do on and off the floor. I've really been blessed to have so many talented guys on the team," Riley said.

Riley, who begins his sixth season at Provine, said he has a somewhat unique style of coaching.

"I don't have a set philosophy of coaching. If I had a philosophy of the way I run my program, it would probably be one of fairness and firmness. I let my players know that I care about them first as individuals, and second as basketball players. Playing basketball is a small part of what I'm trying to do. If you get the guys to believe in what you're trying to do, and then get them to believe in you as a person and that you are real in what you are trying to do, then success will follow. I think that my greatest asset is the love I have for my players who in turn know how I feel about them and will then do what I ask of them," Riley stated.

He added, "What inspired me to be a coach really revolves around the fact that the game is so simple. All the pros make it look easy because they have the fundamentals down pat. A person can be a great basketball player if he can fundamentally do the things he is supposed to do. That is what inspires me- taking a person like myself who is just 6'1" and teaching him the fundamentals. Once a player learns the fundamentals, he will have an advantage over his competition," Riley stated.



Luther Riley proudly displays the trophy his Provine Rams received after winning the 2003-04 State Class 4A basketball championship. Riley and his team won the same title the previous year.

coaches he considers not only as mentors, but more importantly as role models.

"I know that I am a role model to my players and other people, and I also look for role models to help guide me. There are several people that I consider role models who are not necessarily coaches. I just don't have one person that I emulate; there are several outstanding coaches that I admire. I guess if I had to name specific role models, they would probably be my coaches at EC, at (Mississippi) Valley and at Alcorn, where I did my graduate work. And there are other coaches I admire such

as Rod Barnes (Ole Miss) and Mike Davis (Indiana), Riley said.

Prior to taking over the Provine program, Riley served as a graduate assistant at Alcorn State from 1996-98, and served in the same capacity at ECCC during the 1998-99 term.

At Alcorn, Riley worked under the legendary head coach Dave Whitney.

"I really learned a lot from Coach Whitney, from watching tapes of games to observing practices, which were very organized. I also

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learned how to dress for games," he recalled.

Riley said he also has fond memories serving as a coach at East Central.

"I was Jay Bowen's assistant. I had just finished graduate school and did not have a job when Coach Bowen called me about the position. He told me I would not make much money, but I would have free housing and food. Since it was the best offer I had at the moment, I gladly accepted the opportunity! And it worked out to be a great experience for me. I made a lot of contacts through recruiting and with our basketball camps. In fact, a person I met at one of our camps helped me get the job at Provine. EC has done a lot for me, not only in providing a good education and recruiting me to play basketball, but also by giving me an opportunity to coach," Riley said.

Regarding his assignments as Coach Bowen's assistant, which was during the 1998-99 season, Riley said he was involved in recruiting, on-the-floor coaching, scheduling, budgeting and anything else required.

"I really did it all for Coach Bowen. He allowed me to work in all areas, which was very beneficial to me. We even shared the same office," Riley commented.

In addition to being known as Bowen's assistant, Riley made his mark by the "outfits" he wore during basketball games.

"As I earlier mentioned, I learned how to dress for games while serving under Coach Whitney at Alcorn. But when I was coaching at East Central, my attire was more like what Coach (Lafayette) Stribling wore at Valley – colorful and flashy!" Riley laughed.

Prior to serving as Bowen's assistant, Riley played for Bowen during his first tenure at EC, from 1989-91.

Although Riley was a basketball standout at South Leake and helped lead the Wildcats to a state championship and a 34-3 record, he was not one of Bowen's top recruits. In fact, Riley still smiles when he talks about how Bowen signed him to a scholarship.

"I got a scholarship at EC because Coach Bowen really wanted two of my teammates – Sam Windham and Dexter Hall. I remember all us sitting in Coach Bowen's office and he told us he wanted all three to be on his team. I had never talked with him prior to that day and I was really chomping at the bits to sign. Well, when he asked us to sign he was actually looking at the other two guys, not me, but I jumped up from my seat and exclaimed, 'I'm ready to sign, Coach!' So I signed my scholarship but the other two guys did not. Sam joined the Navy and Dexter decided not to attend EC. So, that is how I got my scholarship at East Central," Riley recalled with a big grin on his face.

Riley said playing basketball on the community/junior college level was quite an adjustment, to say the least.

"My freshman year required the biggest adjustment. I came from a championship program at South Leake and thought I was already a good player and did not need a lot of coaching. Well, Coach Bowen and some of the players changed my attitude real quick-like. One day in practice we were doing a defensive drill, and since I considered myself the team's best defensive player, I did not think I would have a problem guarding anyone. Well, I had the pleasure of trying to guard Terry (Bo Jack) Thames and he went by me so fast that all I remember seeing was him dunking the ball! That's when I told myself that I had to tighten up and get better. My sophomore year was much better, and I led the team in defensive stats," Riley recalled.

Bowen left EC after Riley's freshman year, and Marty Cooper took over the program in the fall of 1991. Cooper's first year as head coach proved to be successful as the Warriors won the South Division Tournament, placed second the MACJC Tournament and reached the semi-finals of the Region 23 Tournament en route to a 28-5 record.

In addition to having a championship year, Riley said there were other highlights of time spent as a student at EC, including his selection as freshman class favorite.

"I remember coming to campus two days before we were required to because I was really looking forward to attending EC. I think it was the family atmosphere that I liked most about East Central, and everybody felt like they belonged here. We all considered Dr. (Eddie) Smith (former ECCC president) as one of the guys. He talked to us a lot and that was impressive to us that the president of the college would take time to visit with players and other students," he recalled.

He added, " I also want to thank the faculty and staff that supported me at EC. Mr. (Ovid) Vickers, Dr. (Phil) Sutphin, Dr. (Richard) Ethridge and Miss (Lucille) Wood were just some of the people who stood behind me, and I really appreciate their care and concern."

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"I'm one of the lucky ones who really enjoys what he's doing for living. And I owe a lot of my success to the education and work experience received at East Central Community College."

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Riley, who averaged about 12 points and seven assists per game both years at East Central, continued his athletic career at Valley State University, which also enjoyed success on the hardwood. Riley, who played point guard, helped lead the Delta Devils to winning seasons during his junior and senior campaigns. Valley was narrowly defeated for a championship his senior season.

Riley said he is busy preparing for the 2004-05 season at Provine, and hopes his team can meet the challenge for a three-peat of the state title. He is also getting adjusted to married life. Riley married Sharla Kol Johnson of Jackson on August 7, 2004. She works for Social Security and is the daughter of Jackson Mayor and Mrs. Harvey Johnson.

In looking to the future, Riley said he would like to coach college basketball and maybe one day will try his luck on the professional level. Regardless of where he coaches, Luther Riley will continue to find success.

"I guess I have found my niche as a coach. I'm one of the lucky ones who really enjoys what he's doing for living. And I owe a lot of my success to the education and work experience received at East Central Community College," Riley stated.

ECJC Freshmen – 1930-31 Style!

The entire freshmen class at East Central Junior College for 1930-31 is shown in the above photo, which was provided by class member Mrs. Aubry Sigrest of Hillsboro. Mrs. Sigrest, the former Elva Smith of Neshoba Station, said she had "very fond memories" of her time at EC, and could still identify most of her classmates from almost 75 years ago! Mrs. Sigrest and her late husband sent their two daughters to EC, both of whom received various honors at the College. Ann (Class of 1959) was named to the Hall of Fame and Betty (Class of 1963) was selected Miss ECJC. Ann is married to Cary Williams and lives in Columbia. Betty is married to Jerry Bustin and they reside in Forest.

Harkins Wins Golf Cart

Flo Harkins of Carthage was the lucky winner of an E-Z-GO Golf Cart presented at the third annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic . Harkins, a member of the ECCC Class of 1981, serves as a Leake County representative on the College's Alumni Association Board of Directors, which sponsors the fundraising tournament. Proceeds from ticket sales for the golf cart, provided by Jim Nabers (ECCC Class of 1976) of Nabers' Companies in Louisville, and the one-day event provide scholarships for ECCC students residing in the College's five-county district.

Mills Receives EMBJ Award

David Mills (third from left), a member of the East Central Community College District Workforce Council, is shown receiving the 2004 Industrial Leadership Award from Kelly Smith, editor/publisher of the East Mississippi Business Journal, which sponsors the annual award. The presentation was made during a reception commemorating the Journal's third anniversary. Smith praised Mills, who serves as manager of Custom Polo Products in Louisville, "for his outstanding contribution toward his community, his company and his employees." Custom Products began operations in July 2000 and produces items from Harley-Davidson saddlebags to office machine covers. The company has grown from 19 to 119 employees under Mills' leadership. Also pictured during the presentation are (from left) Joel O'Bryant, executive director of the Winston County Economic Development Partnership who nominated Mills for the award; Ben Alexander, Journal staff writer; Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president; and Tom Blalock, president of the Winston County Board of Supervisors. (Photo courtesy of East Mississippi Mississippi Business Journal.)

Reminiscing...

Do you remember these people? From left are W. Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent, Denver and Charlotte Brackeen, Ovid Vickers, Mrs. L.O. (Bernice) Todd, and Katherine and Dr. Charles Wright. The photo was taken during Homecoming activities honoring Mrs. Todd.

Warrior Golf Classic Nets $8,700 for ECCC Scholarships

Another successful Warrior Golf Classic was held this summer, as a record amount was raised to fund scholarships for East Central Community College students, according to Stacey Hollingsworth, administrative assistant in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, which sponsors the four-person scramble.

"Thanks to the generosity of 80 golfers and many others who made various contributions, we raised $8,700 in scholarship money for deserving ECCC students. We appreciate and thank everyone who helped make the event a success," Hollingsworth said.

She added that total scholarship money raised in the three-year-old tournament now totals $20,700. Approximately $5,000 was raised in last year's competition, which was cancelled after a few holes of play because of weather conditions, and about $7,000 was collected in the inaugural event in 2002. Scholarships are awarded to ECCC students during the annual Scholarship Award Day held in late spring each year.

Capturing the Classic's top prize this year was the Greg Nowell team, whose members included Thomas Kennedy and Bo Welch, both of Union, and Doug Jones and Joe Rush, both of Philadelphia, who carded a 54, 18-under par.

Other top finishers in the championship flight were the McMahan Stucco, Inc., team, (Charles McMahan of Union, Al Jones of Toomsuba, and Benji Baskin and Richard Ezell, both of Meridian) which carded a 56 and won the runner-spot on a scorecard playoff, and third-place finisher Valley, Inc. (Jim Walt and Mike Craft, both of Brandon, George Ardelean of Jackson and Jay Ciacco of Madison), also with a 56. McMahan Stucco also won top honors in the corporate division.

The top three finishers and their scores in the first flight were Rush Foundation Hospital (Mickey Sellers, Bobby Fleming, Videt Carmichael and George Ranager, all of Meridian), 58; Community Bank (Steve Gibson, Randy Gibson, Tommy Smith and Richard Herring, all of Forest), 59; and First Carthage Insurance (Aubry Cox, Tyler Blocker, Phil Shepard and John Paul Rhea, all of Carthage), 59.

Winners in the second flight and their respective scores included Howard Computers (Rusty Thoms of Starkville, Brent Howard of Laurel, Michael Green of Birmingham, Alabama; and Shane Lorrimore of Hattiesburg), 60; Griffing and Associates (Glenn Griffing of Jackson, Milton Walker and Gage Walker, both of Brandon; and Haywood Reeves of Forest), 62; and Georgia Pacific (Randy McDill, Ben Kitchings and Mack Hollingsworth, all of Decatur, and Jerry Rogers of Alpharatta, Ga.), 62.

Other participants and their respective scores included The Carthage Bank (Jeff Powers, Larry Waggoner, Tim Leitaker and Brad Ogletree, all of Carthage), 57; Rea Brothers/ Mid-South Auction (Ed Morgan of Ridgeland, Don Self and Jerry Self, both of Pearl, and Sam Langford of Mendenhall), 59; Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (Jason Grisham, Demando Mingo and Darrell Cotton, all of Choctaw, and Kevin Grisham of Philadelphia), 59; Valley, Inc. (Patrick Brown, Joe Killens, Kyle Killens and Brent Gregory, all of Decatur), 62;

ECCC Coaches' Team (Billy Smith, Terry Underwood, Brad Hodge and Jake Yarborough, all of Decatur, and Rickey Chaney of Little Rock), 63; ESCO (Andy Rowzee of Hickory, Ray Williams of Newton, and Dan Gorgas and Sherry Lohrer, both of Decatur), 63; La-Z-Boy (Daniel Simoneu of Louin, Judd Nance of Decatur, Kevin Rigdon of Union and Paul Craven of Lawrence), 64; SIVAD, Inc. (Chris Clark, Chris Harris, Ronnie Westbrook and Scotty Russell, all of Decatur, and Hank Moreau of Brandon), 65;

Raytheon (Willie Josey, Ricky Harvey, Dave McIntire and Robert Fabbri, all of Forest), 67; La-Z-Boy South (George Williams of Lawrence, Jake Rigdon of Union, Kevin Kelly of Newton and Shane Gamble of Meridian), 67; and Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company (Carlton Lowe of York, Alabama, and Pete Harris of Cuba, Alabama), 76.

Serving as sponsors of the 2004 Warrior Golf Classic were as follows:

GOLD CORPORATE SPONSORS – ESCO Corporation, Newton; Howard Computers, Laurel; La-Z-Boy South, Newton; Rush Foundation Hospital, Meridian; The Carthage Bank, Carthage; Community Bank, Forest; Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Choctaw; Raytheon Company, Forest; Valley, Inc., Jackson; First Carthage Cox Insurance and Investments, Carthage; and McMahan Stucco, Inc., of Union;

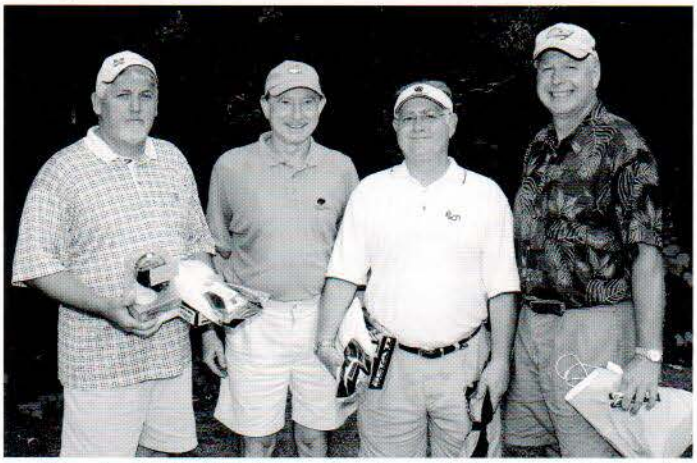
SILVER SPONSORS – The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia;

HOLE SPONSORS – Newton County Bank, Newton; Bank of Forest, Forest; First American Printing and Direct Mail, Ocean Springs; JH&H Ltd. Architects, Planners and Interiors, Jackson; Merchants & Farmers Bank, Philadelphia; and Wal-Mart, Philadelphia.

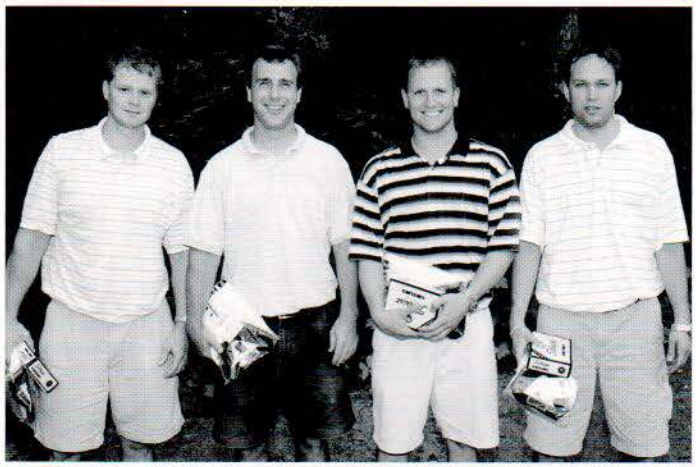
The hole-in-one sponsor for this year was the ECCC Foundation, Inc., and the golf cart raffle sponsors were Naber's Companies in Louisville and the ECCC Alumni Association.

For information regarding the 2005 Warrior Golf Classic contact Stacey Hollingsworth, Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

Capturing top honors were (from left) Thomas Kennedy and Bo Welch, both of Union; and Joe Rush and Doug Jones, both of Philadelphia who blistered the Oaks Course with a score of 54, 18-under par.



Winning the first flight were the above golfers representing Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian. From left are Mickey Sellers, Bobby Fleming, Videt Carmichael and George Ranager, all of Meridian, who carded a 14-under par 58.



This team representing Howard Computers won the second flight. From left are Shane Larrimore of Hattiesburg, Rusty Thoms of Starkville, Brent Farrar of Tupelo and Michael Greene of Birmingham, Ala., who carded a 12-under par 60.

Golfers representing McMahan Stucco, Inc. in Union won the corporate division and placed second overall. The group carded a 16-under par 56 . ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (second from left) is shown presenting the corporate championship trophy to Charles McMahan of Union, Benji Baskin (right) of Meridian and Al Jones of Toomsuba. Not pictured is Richard Ezelle of Meridian.

Door Prizes Provided By:

Beem's Pawn & Gun Discount Shop (Philadelphia)
Bell Chevrolet (Kosciusko)
Birdies for Charity/Southern Farm Bureau Classic (Madison)
Mrs. Ann Burkes (Decatur)
Capital Oil, Inc. (Jackson)
The Carthage Bank
The Choctaw Indian Fair (Choctaw)
The Citizens Bank (Louisville)
Crawford & Company (Decatur)
East Central Community College Alumni Association
East Central Community College Bookstore
Ms. Flo Harkins (Carthage)
Johnson Educational Sales (Forest)
Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum (Jackson)
Mississippi Air National Guard (Meridian)
Mitchell Distributing (Meridian)
The Silver Goose (Louisville)
Tico's Steak House (Ridgeland)
Wal-Mart (Carthage)
Wal-Mart (Forest)
Wal-Mart (Newton)
Fred S. Watkins, Inc. Argo Distributors (Kosciusko)
Winston Furniture Company (Louisville)
The Molpus Woodlands Group (Jackson)

Alumni Weddings

Joy Ard to Jessie Warren
Lasherish Anderson to Larry Keshawn Derrick ('00)
Sommer Michelle Averett (Class of 2002) to Tim Warren ('03)
LeAnn Baker to Jason Ashley Burroughs ('00)
Miranda Katherine Beckham to Casey Evan Peebles
Deanna Belen to Johnithan Daniel
Tonya Shea Belk (Class of '04) to Jason Nick Johnson
Susan Michelle Boatner ('00) to Ryan Jo Henry ('95)
Christie Leigh Bolen to Justinn Lee Griffin ('97)
Deanna Belen Byrd to Jonathan Daniel McMurry ('00)
Detra Dawn Carter ('98) to Jason Corey Gaines ('98)
Sandra Corrin Chambliss ('99) to Garry Vance Taylor
Labreeska Nell Chesney ('00) to John Allen Miles
Renita Melinda Christian to Jeffery Hunter Hudson ('03)
Amanda Joy Clark ('04) to Anthony Sharp ('01)
Cassie L. Cleveland ('04) to Jonathan K. Jacobs
Jennifer Carol Collins ('94) to Craig Allen Johnson
Stephanie Ann Cook ('97) to Jimmy Hudson Pickle
LeShika Renea Darby to Derrick Lamont White ('95)
Penny Jo Gallaher to Benjamin Bryce Lindsey
Rebecca Rose Germany ('02) to Jeremy Brent Stevens ('02)
Brandie Lynn Goolsby to Kenneth Eugene Bankston ('96)
Amy Elizabeth Gomillion ('98) to Marios William
Katherine Graham to Joe Robert Martin, Jr. ('95)
Shana Lene Graham ('04) to Matthew Harrison

Amanda Faith Griffin to James Corey Moore ('01)
Blair LaNae Griffin ('04) to Thomas Christopher Anderson ('04)
Amye Lee Hamburger to John Michael Hall ('99)
Kristen LeAnn Harris to Matthew Jerome Thorne ('99)
Marisa Gayle Henry to John Derek Freeny ('03)
Mallaka Shonte Holifield to Tomechia Antwon McNair ('96)
Ashley Jenkins to Jeremy Talbert
Sharla Kol Johnson to Luther James Riley ('93)
Amy Machelle Jones ('01) to Christopher Wayne Comans ('02)
Jodi Paige Kelly to Sean David Partridge ('01)
Courtney Aloisia Klinger to Kevin Randolph Chamblee
Jessica Nicole Ladd to Brian Jason Harrell ('04)
Ashley Lenora Lay ('00) to Bradley Wade Sigrest ('96)
Cristi Lynn Maske to Garrick Allen Bishop ('04)
Meagan Nicole McMahan ('04) to Jody Morgan Chaney ('02)
Alicia Kay Mills ('03) to Jonathan Monroe Moore
Dina Minter ('04) to Wade Smith
Kristin Leigh Nicholson ('02) to Michael Howard Moore ('02)
Bonnie Martina O'Bannon ('02) to David Michael Brooks, Jr. ('01)
Heather Rae Palmer ('04) to Sammy Dale Sullivan, Jr. ('97)
Catherine Graham Pigford to Joe Robert Martin, Jr.
Katie Frances Potts to Samuel Daniel Knight ('00)
Courtney Beth Rawson to Randy Shane Kelly ('89)
Amy Nicole Reed ('04) to Gabriel Ellis Snow ('03)
Cynthia Robinson ('83) to Stafford Myrick
Jennifer Lynn Robinson ('02) to Brian Robert Beckwith ('03)
Virginia Lois Roberts to Tommy Louis Alford ('97)
Rhonda Michelle Ross to Charles Gary Morrow, Jr.
Jennifer Lynn Savell ('00) to Gerald R. Jones
Amye Lee Shamburger to John Michael Hall ('99)
Emily Heather Sistrunk to Robert Neil Fisher ('99)
Jessica Michelle Sistrunk to Tyler David Thomas ('00)
Laura Michelle Sistrunk ('04) to Jamie Franklin Shotts ('02)
Dana Snow to Steve Parker ('89)
Eileen Stephanie Soto ('03) to Douglas Adcox
Courtney Jae Sullivan ('03) to Matthew Gully Warren ('03)
Melissa Ann Thompson to John Miller Dickson
Mia Trussell to Willie Colston ('03)
Carree Merkel Tucker ('94) to Joseph Lee Carpenter ('91)
Natalie Marche Tune ('02) to John Orson Heim
Wendy Michelle Vest to John Christopher Young ('03)
Tonya Watkins ('03) to Randall Orr ('03)
Kelly Rose Whitesell ('02) to Timothy Rigby ('99)
Kristin LeShea Wilbanks ('02) to Christopher Thomas Marble ('00)
Emalea Renae Wiley ('04) to Jason Wallace Moore
Danielle Renee Wilker to Matthew Carter Roebuck ('00)

Obituaries

Otis Leon Akins

Otis Leon Akins died Monday, July 26, 2004 in Daphne, Ala.

Akins played football at East Central Community College in 1954 and later played football and baseball at the University of Southern Mississippi. He was a retired football coach.

Survivors include his wife, Geri Akins; two sons, George Meador Akins and Thad Still Akins; three brothers, Clarence Earle Akins, Paul Bradley Akins and Bruce Ingram Akins; and a sister, Peggy Jo Helton.

Jack Anderson Akins

Jack Anderson Akins, 75, died Friday, March 12, 2004 in Booneville, Ala.

Akins was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, retired from the Civil Service from Whiting Field, and attended the Christian Church. He played baseball at East Central Community College in 1955 and later played at the University of Southern Mississippi. He coached at various high schools for over 50 years.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Akins Zelm.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Marie Johnson Akins of Booneville; two sons, Harry Dero and Judy Akins of Goodway, and Jack and Amy Anderson Akins, Jr. of Booneville; a daughter, Suzanne Akins of Booneville; three grandsons; a great granddaughter; four brothers, Clarence Akins of Gulf Shores, Ala., Leon Akins of Daphne, Paul Akins and Bruce Akins, both of Booneville; and a sister, Peggy Akins Helton of Milton.

Rev. Johnny Mack Boggan

Rev. Johnny Mack Boggan (Class of 1956) died June 2, 2004 at his residence. Rev. Boggan, 68, was a retired minister and was a member of New Fellowship Baptist Church.

He pastored Steele Baptist Church in Forest, Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Newton, Fellowship Baptist Church in Slaine, Mich., as a missionary; and Beat Line Baptist Church in Conehatta. He also worked as a salesman for Morman's Company and Lyntex Company of New York City.

Boggan was preceded in death by his parents, John Pleasant and Sarah Ellis Boggan.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Boggan of the Fellowship community; one daughter, Cindy, and her husband, Jason Massey (Class of 1988) both of Decatur; three sons, John (Class of 1983) and his wife, Kelly, of Knoxville, Tenn., Greg and his wife, Renee, of Hickory, and Mike and his wife, Karen, of Muscle Shoals, Ala.; two sisters, Joan and her husband, Larry Koch, both of Hundersonville, TX, and Susan and her husband, Larry Seal, both of Philadelphia; one brother, Robert (Class of 1961) and his wife, Voncile (Class of 1964), of Hickory; and seven grandchildren.

Linda Anne Johnson Burroughs

Linda Anne Johnson Burroughs (Class of 1965) died July 20, 2004, at her residence in Union.

Burroughs was a very [illegible] United Methodist Church. She was retired from the Union Public School System after serving over 30 years in the education system. Linda was a very talented artist and enjoyed teaching art and working with youth and children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Edmund Burroughs; her father, Edwin Johnson; and her father-in-law, Carl Hall Burroughs.

Survivors include, one son, Ashley Burroughs and his wife, Jodie of Union; her mother, Dorothy Johnson of Union; her mother-in-law, Marie Burroughs of Decatur; one cousin, Gayle White Ferrill and her husband, James, of Birmingham, Ala.; and a host of friends and other family members.

Harvey Brooks Cox

Harvey Brooks Cox (Class of 1960), 64, died Friday, August 13, 2004, at Adventist Health Center.

Cox served with the United States Marine Corp. and was a retired salesman for Big Ten Tire Company.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lynda Jo Cox; his parents, Joseph and Wilma Cox; one brother, James Cox; and one sister, Glenda Cox.

Survivors include three sons, Bryan Cox and his wife, Michelle, of Lumberton, Chad Cox of Hattiesburg, and Chris Cox of Florence; six grandchildren; three sisters, Josephine Tullos of Laurel, Katrina Massengale of Union and Dianne Woods of Byram; one brother, Terry Cox of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Delmer Dallas

Delmer Dallas (Class of 1950), 73, a Neshoba County native, died June 13, 2004.

Dallas, former CEO of Acosta Sales and Marketing, died after a long and very courageous battle with cancer. Born on May 27, 1931 to Fred Preston and Maudie Threat Dallas in Neshoba County, Mississippi, he was one of eight siblings raised on a farm, thus learning the value of hard work from a very early age. After working his way through college, he graduated from Mississippi State University in 1953.

Upon graduation, he started a 12 year career with Proctor and Gamble. After being in management with the Clorox Company (a subsidiary of P&G), he moved his family to Jacksonville in 1966 to become a partner with L.T. Acosta & Co. food brokers – today known as Acosta Sales.

In 1983, he purchased the company and through his leadership, it went from a one market broker with 13 people to a 27 market regional broker covering 13 states with more than 2,000 employees, being ranked as one of the top five brokers in the nation.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Peggy Darden Dallas; and three daughters, Debbie Dallas McGehee (Sutton), Rhonda Dallas Donovan (Tom), and Kim Dallas Alexander (John); and seven grandchildren, Amanda, Ray, and Jenny McGehee, and Claire, JT and twins Darden and Dallas Alexander; five sisters, Maurine Sims (Class of 1937) and Pauline Chadwell (Class of 1944) both of Meridian;

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Winifred Davis (Class of 1944) of Enterprise; Jean Rittenburg (Class of 1942) of Montgomery, Alabama; Maggie Jo Hicks (Class of 1957) of Mobile, Alabama; and two brothers, Paul Dallas of Fayetteville, NC; and Edwin Dallas (Class of 1959) of Atlanta.

Dallas' community and business affiliations included membership to Deermeadows Baptist Church, a long standing member of the Deerwood Country Club, past president of the National Food Brokers Association, Board of Directors of PSSI, Inc., charter member of the Rotary Club of Deerwood and the Board of Visitors at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Institute in Houston, Texas.

Johnny Travis Hill

Johnny Travis Hill (Class of 1938), 86, died Friday, October 17, 2003, in the Winston Medical Center in Louisville.

Hill was born June 17, 1917, in Winston County to the late Roger and Willie Stevens Hill. He was educated in the Ellison Ridge schools and graduated from East Central Community College. He joined the Army in World War II and served as a Sergeant in the 904th infantry, a part of the 79th Division in the European Theater.

After the war, Hill was employed by the D.L. Fair Lumber Company and later the Georgia Pacific Company in the forestry procurement office for the Crossett division, where he retired.

Hill was a long time member of the Louisville First United Methodist Church, having served as Sunday School superintendent, administrative board member and twice a member of the building committee. He was an officer in the Winston County Christian Friends, and chairman of the Louisville-Winston County Chamber of Commerce Forestry Committee. Hill was a member of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association, the legislative committee of the Mississippi AARP and past president of the Woodman of the World Jurisdiction of Mississippi.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Frances Young Hill of Louisville; one daughter, Lea-Ann Denton and husband, W.J. "Bo" Denton, and three granddaughters.

Henry Dean Horton

Henry Dean Horton, 75, died Sunday, June 20, 2004, in the Winston County Nursing Home.

A native of Winston County, Horton retired after serving 31 years as Winston County's Circuit Clerk. He was a member of Whitehall Methodist Church.

He was a graduate of East Central Community College and in 196 was honored as the College's Alumnus of the Year for his contributions to ECCC, his county and the State of Mississippi.

Survivors include his step-daughter, Kathy Knight Roberts of Quitman; two sisters, Faye Love Horton of Louisville and Mary Nell Horton of Starkville; and two brothers, Jim Horton and I.W. Horton, both of Lousiville.

Mattie B. Jones

Mattie B. Jones (Class of 1939), 85, of Decatur died May 7, 2004 at her residence. She was a housewife and a homemaker.

A Decatur native, she was an active member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church where she had been involved with the nursery for many years. She loved her Lord, family, church, and friends.

She is survived by one daughter, Shirley Jones Bowler and her husband, Paul, of Newark; one son, Kenneth Jones (Class of 1961) and his wife, Rosemary, of Decatur; and four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, four brothers, two sisters, and a host a nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harmon Jones.

Stephen David Lee

Stephen David Lee (Class of 1978), 50, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, at his home in Lake.

Lee was a native of Forest and a lifelong resident of Scott County.

He was general manager of Ott & Lee Funeral Homes in Forest, Morton, Brandon, and Richland. He served 12 years as a member of the Scott County Board of Supervisors and was president of the board for two years. He was also a member of the Southern Pine Electric Power Association Board of Directors. He also was a past Master of Forest Masonic Lodge, a farmer, cattleman and avid sportsman. Lee was an active member of Lake Baptist Church, where he sang in the choir.

He graduated from Forest High School, East Central Community College, and Mississippi College.

Survivors include Tammy Lee, his wife of 21 years; a son, Summers; daughters, Lindsey and Robbye Anne; parents, retired Chief Justice Roy Noble Lee and Sue Lee; brothers Thomas D. Lee and wife, Gail, and Roy Noble Lee, Jr. and his wife, Paula, all of Forest; sisters Martha Lee Hassell and husband, Dr. John Hassell, of Laurel, and Susie Hederman and her husband, Zach, of Jackson; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Nancie Patricia Bassett McDermott

Nancie Patricia Bassett McDermott (Class of 1941), 83, of the Woodlyn section of Ridley Township, in Pennsylvania, a retired teacher and former air traffic controller, died on June 9, 2004, at Taylor Hospice in Ridley Park.

Born in Philadelphia, Mississippi, she was a resident of Philadelphia, PA, until moving to Woodlyn 53 years ago. McDermott was a basketball scholarship recipient and a 1941 graduate of East Central Community College and a 1963 graduate of Cheyney University in Thornsbury, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education.

A certified special-education teacher, McDermott, was employed by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit and taught at Don Guanella School in Marple until her retirement in 1983. She had previously taught at Leiperville, Marcus Hook, and Woodlyn elementary schools. McDermott was

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also a certified air-traffic controller who had worked at airports in Atlanta, Ga., and Long Beach, Calif. She was a retired member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

McDermott was also a member of the Delaware County Chapter of Retired Teachers, the First Baptist Church of Crum Lynne in Ridley Township, the Delaware County Council of Senior Citizens, the East Central Community College Alumni Association, and School House Senior Citizens Center in Ridley Township.

McDermott was the widow of James T. McDermott, who died in 1987. She was the daughter of the late Homer Dwight and Nancie Lillie White Bassett. She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Shank Duckett of the Lima section of Middletown; stepdaughters, Catherine Fotch, Veronica Horn, and Lois Becker; stepson, James T. McDermott, Jr.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

W. A. "Dubb" McMahen, Jr.

W. A. "Dubb" McMahen, Jr., (Class of 1937), died April 30, 2004. He was 89.

McMahen owned and operated the White Auto Store for several years. He served the Town of Union, Mississippi, as an alderman for 20 years. He joined the Union United Methodist Church at an early age and was a faithful servant in the church.

He was a big booster of Union Schools. He had three sons, all of whom played football. He was a veteran of World War II, serving as a staff sergeant. McMahen served in England, France and the Phillipines during his tour of duty.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Luke McMahen (Class of 1936) of Union; a daughter, Melinda McMahen Hunter of Columbus, GA; three sons, William Andrew McMahen, II (Class of 1959) and his wife, Rita, of Jackson, Stephen Luke McMahen (Class of 1977) and his wife, Sandra (Class of 1971), of Carthage, and Michael R. McMahen and his wife, Susan, of Union; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Junie Johnston Price

Junie Johnston Price (Class of 1942), 80, of Meridian died Saturday, January 31, 2004, at Heartfelt Hospice. She was a member of 15th Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Ingrid Price and her husband, Carroll, of Meridian, and Glenda Pruett and her husband, Wayne, of Oxford; a son, Rick Price, and his wife, Elise, of Lawrenceville, Ga.; a sister, Pauline Johnston (Class of 1937) and a brother, James Johnston, both of Chunky; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. J.W. Price, and her parents, Jim and Lillian Johnston.

Pallbearers were Christopher Price, C.W. Pruett, L.N. Rhodes, Jeff Brown, Philip Price, and Kem McEntryre.

Nellie Montague

Nellie Montague, 89, a retired elementary school teacher, died Saturday, July 17, 2004. She was a member of the 1936 East Central Junior College State Championship Girls Basketball team.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Montague.

Survivors include one son, Andy Montague and his wife, Crickett of Leesburg, Fla.; one granddaughter, Nellie McPherson of Macclenny, Fla.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

John O. Moore

John O. Moore (Class of 1956), 67, died Friday, July 23, 2004 at his home.

He graduated from Mississippi State University in Forestry in 1961. He was a forester for the Mississippi Forestry Commission, vice president of Longleaf Timber Company and a retired forestry consultant.

Moore was a member and past president of the Mississippi Forestry Association and the Mississippi Lumber Manufacturers Association. He was selected Fellow in the Society of American Forestry and he was trustee of the Mississippi Forestry Foundation. He was also a Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Moore; daughters, Karen Moore of Hattiesburg and Kristy Harris and her husband, Marc, of Olive Branch; a son, Kent Moore and his wife, Tammy, of Philadelphia; four grandchildren; five stepchildren; eight step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Gerald Moore of Petal; and sisters, Alice Pouncey of Decatur and Elizabeth McDill of Conehatta.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert E. Moore; his mother, Julia B. Moore; and his wives, Johnnie Moore and Bettye Moore.

Barbara Russell Shock

Barbara Russell Shock (Class of 1977), 46, of Camdenton, Mo., passed away June 30, 2004, following a brief illness in Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

She attended East Central Community College in Decatur and graduated from Belleville Area College in Belleville, Ill., with a degree in nursing in 1978. She was a Registered Nurse specializing in Cardiac Care.

Shock was a member of First Baptist Church of Camdenton, Mo., where she taught a high school girls Sunday school class and led women's Bible studies. Barbara had a long history of Christian service, serving as BSU President in college, and as a summer missionary in national and foreign locations. In addition, she served on several boards of Christian Institutions, such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life and many others.

Her life was one of family devotion, Christian service, and leadership as she assisted in the development of Windermere Baptist Conference Center and ongoing support of many other Christians and public organizations. She gave countless hours of volunteer time to many organizations.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, and a son, Forrest, both of Camdenton, Mo; and a daughter, Betsy, of Springfield, Mo.; her parents, Clinton (Class of 1955) and Barbara Russell (Class of 1954); a sister, Lynn Hayes (Class of 1975) and her husband, George, of Decatur; and a brother, Randy Russell (Class of 1982) and his wife, Sherri, of Jackson.

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Dr. Roy J. Smith, Jr.

Dr. Roy J. Smith, Jr. (Class of 1949), 74, of Stuttgart, Ark., died Saturday, April 24, 2004. Dr. Smith was born November 25, 1929, in Covington, La., the son of Roy J., Sr., and Virginia Dee Stribling Smith.

He was raised on a hill farm near Decatur and received an Associate of Arts Degree in Agriculture at East Central Junior College in 1949. He received a B.S. degree in Agronomy-Soils in 1951 from Mississippi State University and a M.S. degree in Agronomy-Weed Science in 1952 from the same university. Dr. Smith received a PhD in Agronomy-Weed Science from the University of Illinois in 1955.

Immediately after graduating, Dr. Smith was employed by the Agricultural Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a Research Agronomist to lead the weed science research program located at the University of Arkansas Rice Research and Extension Center in Stuttgart. Dr. Smith's pioneering research in weed control in rice has played a major role in the development of weed control technology for rice in the United States.

His research developed integrated weed control programs for dry and water seeded rice. The integrated systems are used on most of the rice domestically and on millions of acres of rice in the world. Dr. Smith was with the USDA-ARS for almost 38 years before retiring in 1992. He was a senior research scientist in the USDA-ARS and served as Research Leader and Supervisory Research Agronomist of the Rice Production and Weed Control Research Laboratory at Stuttgart for more than 10 years.

He was an adjunct professor with the Agronomy Department of the University of Arkansas for his entire career. Dr. Smith has been active in numerous professional societies, especially the Weed Science Society of American (charter member), the Southern Weed Science Society, the Asian Pacific Weed Science Society, the International Weed Science Society (charter member), the Arkansas Agricultural Pesticide Association, and the Rice Technical Working Group. Dr. Smith has received more than 25 major awards for his research contributions from professional societies, the USDA, and the agricultural community. After retiring from the USDA, Dr. Smith established an agricultural consulting business in 1993. In addition, he conducted peer reviews of research manuscripts for agricultural journals.

Dr. Smith was a member of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church where he served as a deacon and had taught a men's Bible study.

Survivors are his wife, Mildred Monroe Smith (Class of 1952), whom he married in 1952; one son, Lex Travis Smith and his wife, Becky, of El Reno, Ok.; one daughter, Vicky Elaine Diaz and her husband, Peter, of Punta Gorda, Fla.; two brothers, Dr. Don Smith and his wife, Kathy, of Santa Anna, Calif., and Dr. Karl Smith and his wife, Becky, of Selma, Ala.; two sisters, Vanessa James of Memphis and Dr. Linda Barron and her husband, Allen, of Nashville, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Dr. Herd E. Stone, Jr.

Dr. Herd E. Stone, Jr. of Holly Grove, Ark., (Class of 1941), 81, died January 4, 2004.

Dr. Stone was born in Starkville on January 9, 1922. He was a son of the late Herd E. Stone, Sr. and the late Estelle Sessum Stone. Dr. Stone received his bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Tennessee, Memphis College of Medicine.

After serving in the U.S. Army during WWII, he moved to Holly Grove in 1948 whre he practiced for 44 years until his retirement in 1992. Dr. Stone delivered more than 2,500 babies and saw thousands of patients during those years of family practice. Those who knew him best often talked about his deep commitment toward the people of South Monroe County. This commitment best embodies the caring relationship he had with his patients.

Dr. Stone was a member of the Holly Grove School Broad for 20 years, a member of the Holly Grove City Council, the Rotary Club, and a 50 year member of the American Legion. He served on the board at the Bank of Holly Grove, past chairman of the Holly Grove Airport Commission and was active in the Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Stone was a member of the Monroe County Medical Society, the Arkansas Medical Association, and the Southern Medical Association. He was also an elder in the Holly Grove Presbyterian Church. An enduring constant in Dr. Stone's legacy will be the many patients who remember how he treated them and the medical colleagues across Arkansas who recalled his dedication to the medical profession.

Matt Stovall

1st Lt. Matt Stovall, 25, died Sunday, August 25, 2004, in Iraq.

Lt. Savell was a native of the Coldwater Community of Neshoba County. He was a 1997 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, a graduate of East Central Community College and attended Mississippi State University. He has been a resident of Southaven for the past three years.

Lt. Stovall was currently serving with the 367th Maintenance Co. attached to the 401st Transportation Co. in Iraq. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

He is survived by his wife, Natalie Stovall of Southaven; a son, Walker Stovall of Southaven; parents, Buck and Ellon Stovall of Philadelphia a brother, Mark Stovall and his wife, Jennifer, of Starkville; a sister Marsha Vance and her husband, Shelton, of Madison; nieces, Olivia Vance and Kaley Stovall; a nephew, Jackson Vance; grandmother Catherine Hardy of Philadelphia; mother-in-law

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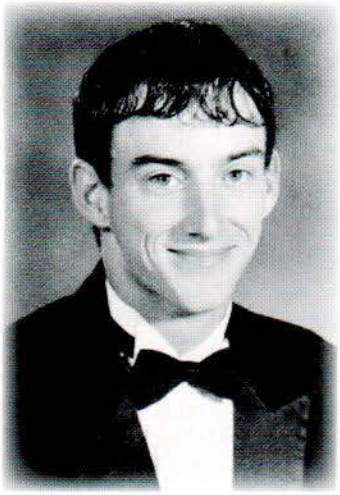
Lora Crawford of Southaven; father-in-law Ronnie Crawford of Southaven; and a brother-in-law Justin Crawford of Southaven.



Dustan Todd

Dustan Todd, 20, died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, when the motorcycle he was driving was struck by a vehicle on Hwy. 503 near Interstate 20.

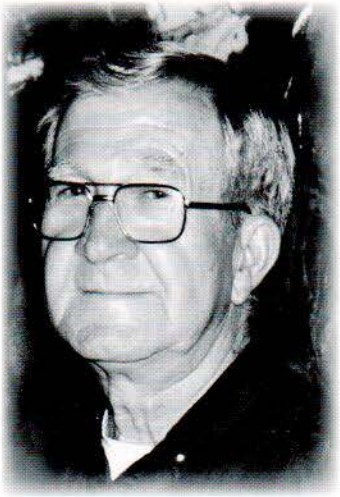
Todd was a drafting major at East Central Community College and was scheduled to graduate with his classmates on May 14.

Services were held May 1 at Barham Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverends Winnie McMahan and Wayne Campbell officiating. Burial was n the Chunky Cemetery.

Todd was a member of Chunky Baptist Church and was a 2002 graduate of Newton County High School. While at EC, he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society and was named to Who's *Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.* He was also a Dean's List Scholar.

Survivors include his parents David and Ann Todd of Chunky; his fiance' Yvette Richardson; a brother, Travis Todd and his wife, Brenda, of Hickory; his grandmother, Ethel Cain of Chunky; grandparents, W. A. and Janie Todd of Hickory; a niece, Tanna Todd, and a nephew, Taylor Todd, both of Hickory; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, E.L. Cain, Sr.



Clarence Durward Vance

Clarence Durward Vance (Class of 1953), 71, of Newton died June 18, 2004.

Vance was a faithful member of the Pine Bluff Baptist Church where he had served for approximately 45 years as a deacon. He also served Pine Bluff as a Sunday school teacher and music director.

He served as a member of the United States Army for two years ending in October 1961. Vance was a retired rural mail carrier after serving 30 years in the position. He was a member of the National Rural Letter Carrier's Association. In this capacity, he was elected as President and Secretary/ Treasurer for the fifth district.

Vance also served as a board member and president of the Newton Water System. He was a tree farmer and greatly enjoyed working outdoors. He was also a avid reader and always carried a book with him.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy H. Vance , of Newton; a daughter, Sherry Vance (Class of 1978) of Austin, Texas; sons, Mickey Vance (Class of 1979) and his wife, Natalie, of Decatur, and Shelton Vance (Class of 1988) and his wife, Marsha, (Class of 1988) of Madison; grandchildren, Jordan Vance, Savannah Vance, Olivia Vance, and Jackson Vance; and a brother, Bryan Vance of Newton.

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Year by the Women's Basketball News Service and was also honored as the Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year three times.

Miller ran the third leg of the 4 x 100 race for the USA team, which missed winning the gold medal by .01 second behind Great Britain.

He finished fourth in the 100-meter dash at the U. S. Olympic Trials, posting a time of 9.99 seconds, which gave Miller the dubious distinction of being the fastest man ever to not make the U. S. Olympic team in the 100-meter competition.

Miller also represented the United States at the Olympics in 2000, competing in both the 100-and 200-meter runs.

Miller, who was a member of state champion football and track teams at Louisville High School, was a member of the ECCC football team in 1995-96. Since the College did not have a track program, he transferred to Meridian Community College where he received All-American honors on the Eagle track team.

He transferred to Auburn University in 1999 and won the NCAA indoor 200-meter and World University Games 200, along with placing second in the NCAA outdoor 200-meter run. During his senior year at Auburn (2000), Miller finished second in both the 100- and 200-meter runs at the NCAA Outdoor Finals.

In 2001, Miller won the USA Indoor 200-meter title then, after crossing the finish line, got tangled up with other runners and suffered a broken fibula in his left leg. He ran in several indoor races in 2002, but had to end season competition because of hamstring problems, the result of the continuing rehabilitation of his left leg.

Miller returned to competition later in 2002 to anchor the 4 x 100 relay team to victory in the World Cup and tie his personal best time, 9.8 seconds.

(The Winston County Journal contributed to this report.)

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We Get Letters...

To: Public Information Office
From: Nan Harbour Burby
(Class of 1962)
RE: Favorite Memories of East Central
Date: July 1, 2004

Thank you for giving all of the alumni a chance to remember our days at East Central as you turn 75. The college has had a long tradition, unquestionably, of providing an excellent education...and at a very low cost!

I had a band scholarship and doubt that it cost my parents over $200 a year to send me to ECJC. With my AA degree and support and encouragement of faculty, I was able to get a scholarship to Ole Miss (BA)...and from there, a scholarship to the University of North Carolina (MA).

My number one memory is of my first venture down into the student union and seeing Ovid Vickers whirling one of the second year beauties around on the dance floor to the music of "A Summer Place" with Mrs. Cross, of course, looking on. The beauty might have been Jo Agnew. I'm not sure.

Mr. Vickers got us all involved in his plays and helped me (only a little, of course) turn out a column on the arts for *The Tom Tom*. And those of us there during that time period will never forget Una Harris and her red pen. Even if you got an A on a paper, it was covered with red ink, making corrections, suggestions, etc., to make the paper even better.

She also was the first person to expose me to opera, taking a group of us to Jackson to see a production of *Carmen*. Now that I think about it, I'm almost sure she "treated" us all. East Central was her life and my brother Charles Harbour (Class of 1954), now deceased, always held her in special regard and communicated with her long after she retired and moved back to Tennessee.

I also have special memories of Miss Pennington, who taught French and oversaw the publication of the yearbook, *The Wo-He-Lo* (which her niece and I edited in 1962). I had continued my French studies at Ole Miss and was dismayed several years later on my first trip to Paris that nobody could understand me. Apparently, I spoke French with a very southern accent! And those band trips!

We loaded up on the bus to travel to every away football game those two years and of course provided the halftime entertainment when at home. My surest memory though of Mr. Fick and the band is that we never, I am positive, ever "tuned up!" We just played!

The memories I share with you wouldn't, however, be complete without mentioning Brother Neil, who was a retired Methodist minister and director of the Wesley Center. Although not a faculty member, he was a good friend and mentor to many of us. When my husband Ray and I were married in December of 1965 in the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, he was kind enough to officiate and give us advice on married life. To all of those who were at East Central with me from 1960-1962, I send greeting! And, yes, I can STILL do the Twist!

Via email
nanandrayburby@earthlink.net

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated June 14, 2004, regarding the room at the library that has become available for the EC Memorabilia Room.

I was at ECJC 1941-1943 as Molly Freeny from Philadelphia and in my second year, as Molly Freeny Clark. Since 1996 I was Molly Freeny Morris living in Forest. After the death of my husband in 1989, I moved to Clinton where my son and his family (Mike Clark) lived. I have been here 15 years.

I always enjoy getting *The Warrior* magazine and thoroughly enjoyed the Spring 2004 one with all the homecoming pictures, etc. I noticed only three of my classmates (Marie Williamson Davis, Lois Pennington, and Charles Arlin Carter) attended the 2003 homecoming. I was sorry I could not attend. I read the magazine cover to cover.

I treasure my 1941-1942 annual. My husband, James Clark, played football and basketball the first year, but had to leave the 2nd year to go into the Air Force. We did not have paper for a 1943 annual. I was a cheerleader my 1942-1943 year, along with Dane Patterson, Ella Katherine Nicholson, and Sis Thomas. I have such fond memories of those two years. I remember that due to a lack of men, someone came by the dormitories in a large truck and picked us up and took us to cotton fields to help pick cotton for the local farmers.

I enclose my check to help with expense in the new room at the library.

Sincerely,
Molly Freeny Morris
510 Church Street, Clinton, MS 39056

June 12, 2004
Dear Sir:

It is my hope you will be able to print the following account which occurred back in the years 1932-33.

My brother and sister, Russell and Opal, were students at approximately the above dates. It was in the middle of the depression and very hard to finance being in school at that time, especially two students from the same family.

They had rented a room from a lady in town. Food was hard to pay for. The lady who owned the rooms where they stayed told them that if they had a cow, the milk would help them with their food.

Our father had cows and offered them one to use while in school. But getting it to Decatur from where we lived was a problem. The shortest distance was about thirteen miles through the country. One Saturday, Russell hitchhiked home and drove that cow which our father owned through the country to the place it was to "pasture" for the year.

I feel this is worthy of your printing in one of your publications. Russell taught school for several years and went on to become part of the State Board of Education to complete his years of service. Opal taught school for several years in public in Neshoba and then transferred to the public school at Milton, Florida, where she completed her years of service.

They are both deceased now, but their children, as well as others, will appreciate your using this account, if you can.

Thank you very much,
Bernard Walton (Class of 1939)
103 Fox Chase Dr.
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

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Warrior Club Contributions 2004

(January 2004 – August 2004)

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Levels
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$ 500.....Chief
$ 250.....Super Brave
$100.....Brave
$50.....Young Brave
$25.....Papoose

Warrior Club Contributions By County

(January 2004 - August 2004)

EC Employee Payroll Deductions	$1,631.00
Leake Counnty	945.00
Neshoba Counnty	4,985.00
Newton County	9,098.00
Scott County	3,300.00
Winston County	400.00
Out-Of-District	17,083.01
Total	$37,443.25

Support the ECCC Foundation Through the Annual Fund

Public resources are limited and tied to specific needs. The College needs unrestricted funds to develop the potential of our students. Thus, the College continues to seek a consistent method for securing private support. We strive to secure these unrestricted private funds through our annual fund campaign.

We invite you to renew your commitment to your community college by contributing to our "Investors In Excellence" Annual Fund Campaign for 2004. Gifts to the "Investors in Excellence" Annual Fund program are tax-deductible, subject to IRS regulations, when made to the East Central Community College Foundation Inc., a 501(c) (3) organization.

Private support such as yours enables us to continue to attract top quality students to the College. If you are in a position to help us, please fill out the form below.

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To qualify, potential recipients must:

- Be in the top 10 percent of their high school class,
- Register as a full time student at East Central during the first semester after high school graduation,
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Donors will be invited to a scholarship luncheon each spring at East Central to meet the students who are receiving their scholarships. Donors are also encouraged to start a "mentoring" relationship with recipients and check on them occasionally to see how they're doing. Businesses and other donors may find students to be potential future employees as well. If you are interested in sponsoring students by making tax-deductible donations to the East Central Foundation, please call toll-free at 1-877-462-3222, Ext. 327.

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